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HOUSTON, TEXAS Jan 2, 34.

Dear Kirby!-
Happy new year to all, and thanks for the present - It was a godsend - Edith sent 5.00 to her folks and I bought her about 10.00 worth for Kmas and she sent the Kiddies some presents - (Ralph - her Bro. Who was Killed) his children.

We had quiet Xmas & New years, I have been sick on & off for a month, going to Dr and taking medicine - Kidneys & stomach - Xmas day at one o'clock was working & took a chill - went home had fever that night - Mother came in with Lee & Nonna - Boy, was I sick - Worked Tues. until 3.30 and had to come home Have worked everyday since but sure under the weather & not because I

But now telling them that & convincing them would likely be very hard - I know em to well.

So If there is a way in the world you can let me have 100.00 or get it for me - will be tickled to pay interest and you will not lose one cent - can pay it back at least 5.00 a week & sometimes more -

I know I've been trouble & caused you all kinds of grief - and I would really rather take a beating than ask you to do this - But who & where else in this world can I turn too.

I'm so nervous & weak now hardly know what I'm doing - Hope you can read this - yes or no - Please don't say anything to Mother or Edith - Couldn't do any good.

Love & Best Wishes to all, your Brother

912 1/2 Texas ave - Please write soon - P.S.!

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felt like it. Edith and girl friend went to midnight Matinee New years Eve - I stayed home was sick.

Business is better - They have opened another big club at 1006 Main Lamar Hotel - Men & Women - 3 men own this you see - One silent partner of the other 2 - Williams (you met him) is running the club on Main St - Fred the big boss is handling all their other business & I am this Club - Not only have charge of this - But handle money for all of em - In other words I keep on hand from 2 to 6-7 hundred all the time - Sometimes more - They will phone me & say give so & so

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a Hundred or 2 - 3 so on - Then have the Club money to handle 3 2 or 3 other side lines too -

Reason I wrote you before for some money was I lost about 150.00 somewhere in the shuffle - never have found out where - Have made up 50.00 of it - But have had 50.00 Dr Bill & about 15.00 for medicine and just looks as though everything in the world went wrong -

Has nearly drove me to distraction and being sick too you can imagine how I have felt - Have a good job here & going to better later on - every

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by spring I am sure - But if I had to check in now or if they send up for all of this money then I dont know what will happen - or in other words I am very much afraid of what will happen - good chance to lose my job & I dont know what else. Dont get the idea this is easy to write & tell you - Havent told Edith why should I - Couldnt do any good & if her & mother found out - Well I hate to think how they would take it. Would be different if I had used the money or got away with it - But I have done nothing wrong

Jan. 3 1934.

Dear mom.

Well, here is the first letter of the new year, and I hope it is not the last. Anyway, you should complain I think I write about as often as you do.

How do you like the new paper, hot stuff, eh. when are you going to send the watch, I need it.

School started today and boy is it a mess. I am

young to take only three subjects next semester because I got a year and a half in math last year. so maybe that will help my grades.

Love
Kirby.

OAKWOOD SCHOOL
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

WILLIAM J. REAGAN, A. M., PRINCIPAL

January 5, 1934

Kirby Page
3947 48th Street
Long Island City, N.Y.

Dear Friend:

Thanks very much for the book which came yesterday. I shall use it and then send it on to Agnes who is working in that field at Pendle Hill. I read some in it last night and was very happy over its insights. I know it has material which I very much want.

I was glad to have Mary's report that Mrs. Page got home without danger to herself. I was most happy to learn that there was a possibility of your coming to see us for a visit. I very much hope you will find it possible to make it a real vacation; come and bring Mrs. Page with you. We shall be glad to furnish you a typewriter in case you would like to write in the room next to the guest room. Of course, we shall expect a talk or a visit to some of the classes, not as a payment for your lodging because your visits are worth very much more to us than that. Your last talk "Why do such good people do such stupid and wicked things." is still a living part of the school life. I am delighted that you are planning to come. I am very sincere in hoping you will find it possible to spend some extra time with us.

Very sincerely yours

W. J. Reagan

WJR
BT

W. J. Reagan

Friday rained so much I never got this off

Wed night Jan 17

Dear Kirby & Alma

I will have to write a partnership letter to you – there is nothing new to say – only we have had a mild winter so far, Alma I was sorry to hear you might not come in the summer – but I too, am afraid for you to travel alone do take the letters in small doses so as not to tire yourself out, & Kirby I read the books – so many thanks for them – they will keep me resting for many an hour I read a little in the Anthony book, its real interesting – I have just about finished your new book – its really fine – but of course I do not see how every thing could be worked out – but its good

I heard a lot of noted people
Sunday night speaking over Radio
Mrs Catt - Will H Hays and
I hear lots of good music &
listen to some fool funny pieces
but do not get to stay up very
late, it bothers Mary & I try
to not worry because I need
a lot of sleep & rest for -
she is getting quite feeble but
still able to feed the old horse -
but cannot plow him,
I will try to make a little garden
have six rows of strawberries - &
have planted four of English peas
can sell them - then I will have
other things we like - & Alma I got
spinach seed for you but some
one else will have to eat it,
yes, & the world Tomorrow came
today - looks like a good copy -
I have so much to be thankful &
love & write me. Mother

#208

January 17, 1934.

My dear Mr. Will Reagan:

Herewith I am enclosing a check for $200 on account. I will send the balance at the earliest possible moment. For some strange reason funds seem to be scarce these days.

Mary writes that she and Jane have suddenly become interested in the University of North Carolina, or in Duke University. I am writing her that we will talk the whole thing over when Alma and I come up on February 1st. You may want to keep your eyes open in the meantime.

As ever

Mr. W. J. Reagan,
Oakwood School,
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Jan 19, 1934

Dear mom.

I am sorry I have not written to you lately but we had exams this week and I have not had a chance.

We have been playing a lot of ball lately, that is for the last month. We have been play games about 2 times a week and we have another tomorrow. It is with Evans School, a school some 5 or six miles away. I will be a bad afair with

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reception after the game.

This picture is of my horse but he look different now, I clipped his mane and it makes him look altogether different.

It still has not rained yet, the well is dry and we are hauling water from Jose's

Love
Ie

Jan 24, 1934

Dear mon.

What are you yelling about anyway, you should talk, you have not written for so long I do not know what a letter looks like. I have to write a letter at least once a week.

Thank pop for the two magazines he sent if he happens to be in the city, as far that. I hope it that he reads this and the other letters and if he wants a seperate one to write and say so.

We won a polo

game with Swan school 9-2
and that was the last one we
played. We had a chance for
a game Saturday but didn't
take it because the horses
are tired.

Love
Kay

Jan. 31 1934

Dear mom.

It finally rained out here but even then it was only a ~~the~~ light rain down here, although it snowed quite a bit up in the mountains. I don't know whether I told you but there has been no water in the lower canyon since school began so the horses have been watering up further.

I am feeding the horse and in fact just about have charge of the corral. There are 30 horses now and they sure eat a lot. I put out 2 (70) lb sacks of

rodded barley every morning and 6 (70 lb) bales of Hay.
I have not seen any snakes out here at school since I came.

We are going to play a game Saturday over at a ranch about 4 miles away and I hope we win although it is doubtful. our #4 (back) broke his big toe while rolling rocks off a cliff and we will have to use a substitute.

We are going up to Phoenix the Saturday after to play school there. I will tell you about it later.

Love R.

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CAPTAIN RUSSELL B. FAIRGRIEVE
BUSINESS SUPERINTENDENT

January 24, 1934.

Mr. Kirby Page
3947 - 48th Street
Long Island City, New York

My dear Mr. Page:

May I, this morning, acknowledge receipt of your check for $200, dated January 18, 1934? This has been credited to Kirby's tuition account.

Everything is going along well here and we are enjoying a most delightful period of beautiful weather.

Mr. Harper will write you within a few days in regard to Kirby's school work for the fourth month, the tests, and the semester.

With kindest regards and best wishes to Mrs. Page and you from all here.

Very cordially yours,

Russell B. Fairgrieve.

RBF/M.

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February 3, 1934.

Mr. Kirby Page
3947 - 48th Street
Long Island City, New York

My dear Mr. Page:

I have delayed mailing you Kirby's report card for the end of the semester on account of some make-up work which I wanted recorded before sending you the report. Altogether, Kirby has finished the semester satisfactorily, with the exception of chemistry. He is finding that subject difficult. This semester he is carrying just three subjects, as he has completed his work in trigonometry. The three subjects are English, Spanish, and Chemistry. These will give him enough credit to graduate this coming May and to be admitted to the University of Arizona. I see no reason whatsoever why he should not graduate.

Taking everything into consideration, we feel that Kirby is showing some improvement this year. His attitude in general toward many things is much improved. The various duties he is asked to do for us are done satisfactorily.

Please return the card as before.

With kind regards from all of us.

Very cordially yours,

Geo. A. Harper

George A. Harper.

GAH/M.
Encls.

February 3, 1934

To Parents and Guardians:

I feel that some explanation is needed for the grades on the reports which are enclosed.

The regular regents grades are in red. The grade to the left of the margin is the mid-year examination grade, the grade in the regular column is the "third six-week period" grade. The grade for the semester is made by averaging the three period grades with the mid-year examination, the period grade to count twice as much as the examination grade.

Students who have failed in the examination will have opportunity to try another examination in four or six weeks provided they do enough review to warrant retrial. Some of the low grades are due to carelessness on examinations, others are due to failure to work regularly during the semester, while some others are due to inability to work rapidly and efficiently or to absence because of illness.

We realize the unfairness of grades as an accurate estimate of work done. Real and lasting harm may be done to a boy or girl by scolding him or humiliating him because of low grades.

We are making an effort to readjust courses so as to eliminate failure wherever possible.

I shall appreciate any advice you have to give and should be glad to make any explanation you desire.

Very truly yours

W J Reagan

Principal

WJR
BT
Encl-1

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February 11, 1934.

Mr. Kirby Page
3947 - 48th Street
Long Island City, New York

My dear Mr. Page:

Thanks for your check for $100 enclosed in your letter of February 7.

Kirby is looking well and is, as you have mentioned, much interested in polo. The boys returned last night from a trip to Phoenix with Mr. Milne where they played the Judson School.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Page and you from all here.

Very cordially yours,

Russell B. Fairgrieve.

RBF/M.

Feb. 14, 1934

Dear Mom.

When I finaly decided to write this it was too late to send it to Lufkin. I don't know whether you have been receiving my letter but I have been writing every week.

We went up to Phoenix Friday and came back Sunday we lost the game, but we all had the worst horses we ever rode. We play there again on a outa week and I think we

will win if we don't it will not be our fault.

Tell Mary that I don't wish her any bad luck but I hope she can't get in Duke, because I want you and her to come out here next year.

Love

K

Day Letter Paid

2/20/34

Eddy & Page
11/23

Day Letter Paid 2/20/34

Mrs. G.W.Murry
Rural Telephone
Lufkin, Texas

Several deeds to property mailed do not have record of separate abstract if necessary wire me more fully

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
3947–48TH STREET
LONG ISLAND CITY, N. Y.

Feb 21 – 34

Darling:

Had a wire from mother asking if I knew where abstract was, but sorry to say I haven't the faintest idea. You always kept such things at 347 because we were away from home so much. However, have you looked in the desk and file. It would not be in the desk and I don't remember ever seeing it. Ask Jess to look at the office. I am waiting for your mother to give the word for me to come along and collect her.

Everyone here well so far – Edith has gone to Sufkin to stay until we leave. Norma will then collect the "leavings" and Edith. Nice weather so far. Read of the storm in N-Y yesterday. Hope you did not get caught.

Heaps and heaps and heaps
love, always your
alma

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KIRBY PAGE=

347 MADISON AVE=

RECEIVED DEEDS ABSTRACT TO TITLE IS BIG ROLL MUST BE AT YOUR HOME PLACE SOLD=

MOTHER.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

Feb. 26, 1934

Dear Mom.

I recieved your letter from League city and hope you got home alright. Did grandma sell the farm or what; what happened to everything up there. Just think no more good fried chicken or nuthin. Now that grandma is going to be in new York am I suppose to write to her or not, that is regular; I tak it you all read the letters I send

although if you asked me why, I could not tell you, Frank only know they are bad enough.

We played polo Saturday and won 9-2. As one would naturally expect, it rained like hell all day and so most of the game was played in the rain. I went to the rodeo yesterday and had a swell time.

We had a ~~[illegible]~~ meeting of all those who smoke and it came out that I led

not have permission. You had better write and leave Mr. Harper's heart and say that I may, ~~if~~ it won't do any good not to because I am going to anyway ~~even~~ if it is only a few a week. Lead the watch quick. I need it.

We are having a party the ~~on~~ 17, March and as usual I am having my best girl out and expect to have a good time so wish me luck, I may need it.

Love
R. Kay Kirby

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February 27, 1934.

Mr. Kirby Page
3947 - 48th Street
Long Island City, New York

My dear Mr. Page:

Enclosed you will find Kirby's report card with his grades for the first month of the second semester. His work shows some improvement in everything except the chemistry. His low grades on two or three tests this past month accounts for his low grade for the month.

I learned within the past three or four days that Kirby has been smoking and he seems to be forming the habit. I tried to talk him out of it, but feel that I did not accomplish very much. Please let me know your wishes in the matter.

Please return the card with your signature in the enclosed envelope at your convenience.

With kindest regards from all of us.

Very cordially yours,

Geo. A. Harper

George A. Harper.

GAH/M.
Encls.

March 5, 1934

Dear Mom.

I have not heard from you for about two weeks so I suppose you are home and busy. I hear that you are just about snowed in. Did pop get out and shovel or is he still —.

I guess you are just about disgusted with me and my work at least you ought to be. I suppose I may start to work some day but from the look of things I does not look that way.

How is pop coming, is he

making any money or is he still
broke. Is he writing a new
book or just working on the magazine
Did you ever send that watch
if you have not, I need you
would get a fairly good one. I
don't care which kind, what ever
you think best. Did you see
the purse I got for Mamy.
In one of your letters you
asked if they took us into church
The would if I wanted to but
I do not care to goo as I
get nothing out of it except
perhaps a dull pain at

hearing some fat old man talk about something that he does not understand and never will. I have my own religion and no one else know it or ever will, so don't ask what it is.

I ~~[illegible]~~ imagain you were surprized to hear that I ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ smoke. I only do it once in a while and I can stop when I want to; I know because I have tried.

Love
Kay.

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March 10, 1934.

Mr. Kirby Page
3947 - 48th Street
Long Island City, New York

My dear Mr. Page:

Kirby handed your check for $100 dated March 3 to me last night. Thanks very much. The credit will appear on the next statement which Mrs. Fairgrieve sends to you.

We are busy here finishing a very active year with a full school. One more boy next week fills S.A.S. to the brim - thanks to you and our other good S.A.S. helpers and enthusiastic supporters.

Reports from the S.A.S. 16 m m films indicate they should reach you at 3947 - 48th Street, Long Island City, within a few days. They were to be in Bethlehem several days ago and be sent to you from there.

With kindest regards.

Very cordially yours,

Russell B. Fairgrieve.

RBF/M.

March 12, 1934

Dear Mom.

I recieved a letter from Mr. Rhenman saying that he was sending a watch. I hope it is a good one and will keep good time.

In the last letter I wrote you, I think I said we were having a game with Evans school. Well, they called it off for some unknown reason, so we had no game consequently I can't tell you the score.

We are going to play a game with a team from a Phoenix school, furnishing the horses, and I hope we beat them. I will try to tell you the score next time I write

We are having a party next saturday and I think I will have a good time since "the one and only" will be there. I have been going steady with the same girl, since the begenning of the year and no storms yet. Wish me luck.

Love
Ed

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MRS KIRBY PAGE=

3947 48 ST LONGISLAND NY=

HAD FIVE MEETINGS RICHMOND BUSY THREE DAYS ATLANTA EXCELLENT RESPONSE EVERY WHERE STOP BREAKFAST WITH ALEXANDER SUPPER WITH ELIAZAR VISIT WITH MRS EAGEN STOP FEELING FINE STOP EAGER HEAR HOW QUESTIONNAIRES ARE COMING IN STOP HOPE YOU AND MOTHER ARE WELL STOP MUCH LOVE=

KIRBY PAGE.

XC No other Telegraph office where this message originated

ONLY WESTERN UNION can carry your answer back by TELEGRAPH . . Quickly, accurately

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March 29, 1934

Dear mom.

I received the watch last week and it sure is nice, it is a white metal with designs around the edges, and on the back. Thank a lot, I will try to take good care of it and not break it or lose it.

I talked with Captain the other night and as yet, he does not know what he is going to do this summer, and consequently whether he can give me

a job. Which means, as far as I see it that. I come back east again.

The party went off swell Saturday night, and I can't see straight yet.

Mary wrote me and said that you and she might come out here next winter for her to go to school here, I don't wish Pop any hard luck but it would be swell if you could, so please try

Love

B

March 21, 1934

Mr. Kirby Page, Jr.
Southern Arizona School for Boys,
Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Kirby:

Mary is coming down on Friday and we are all excited. She has been having a very strenuous time because in addition to her studies and her work in the library, she has been doing a lot of work formerly done by Jane Poling, who had to drop out of school on account of a nervous breakdown. Mary is now very tired and certainly needs a good long rest. Fortunately, she will be herefor ten days. Ann, with whom she roomed last year, is going to be with us for four or five days and we are expecting a hilarious time.

As you know, Grandmother Murry is using the bedroom which Mother formerly used and we have the dining-room where it was when we first moved to Sunnyside. Grandma is finding it hard to get adjusted after so long a time on the farm. Unfortunately, she came when the weather was at its worst -- I can hear you say, It's usually that way. She and Mother are beginning to talk garden and they will spend a lot of time digging around pretty soon. The three of us are planning to go to Slab Sides about the sixteenth of May. We are most eager, indeed, to have you join us as soon as school is out. Have you been able to get a job as yet? If not, I hope you will decide to come to North Carolina for one more summer at least. Mary would be in the wildest despair if she thought you were not coming. It would really ruin her summer if she had to be there without you.

I think you would enjoy yourself more than during any previous summer. You and Mary are old enough now to have many, many things in common and there are lots and lots of things Mother and I want to talk with you about. You may have noticed that I have refrained carefully all year from lecturing you or offering advice about sundry suggestions. I know enough about young men to know that they like to be independent and I have no inclination whatever to force any of my opinions down your throat. Nevertheless I long for a chance to talk over lots of things with you. So we are eagerly hoping that you will plan to arrive at the cabin shortly after we get there. Mother and I are planning

to drive to Poughkeepsie for Mary's commencement on June 23rd. She would be wild with joy if you would come along. However, if you prefer to do so, you and Grandmother can stay at the cabin.

Just now I am buried in the twenty thousand replies that have come back to the questionnaire from ministers and rabbis.

We think and talk of you constantly.

Affectionately yours,

KP:h

March 21, 1934

Mr. A. Leak Page
2901 Southmore Boulevard,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Leak:

I am just back in New York after a long trip which kept me away for about two weeks. I went as far as Atlanta and the Woman's College in Alabama, then a long jump out to a Student Conference in Kansas. I am sorry that I had to be away for a long stretch so soon after Mother's arrival, but this trip had been planned months ago. As we all expected, Mother is finding it very difficult to become adjusted to the city, but I must say she has done very much better than I feared would be the case. We know that she is very lonesome for the farm and that it was just like tearing her heart out to leave the place. She has shown remarkable self-control and has not given way to her feelings at all. We are doing our best to make her feel at home. She has met practically nobody as yet and we are telling her that she does not need to until she gets good and ready. Unfortunately, she arrived in terrible weather and has seen New York at its worst. The last few days, however, are spring-like and she and Alma will soon be digging away in the garden. The three of us are planning to go to North Carolina about the middle of May and then she will glory in being alone in the woods.

We have opened an account for her in the Postal Savings Bank. She was much disturbed when the clerk asked her to leave her fingerprints for identification, as is done in all the Postal Savings departments here. Anyhow she has her money safely tucked away if she needs it. The amount has not as yet been transferred from Lufkin but we are hoping it will arrive any day. She always brightens up when she sees a letter from you.

During my trip I spoke from three to five times a day before various conferences, conventions and groups of strategic leaders. I have never found the country so open minded and willing to confront new ideas as at present. Even in the South where one is accustomed to finding more conservatism, the response to my message was extraordinarily encouraging.

You will remember that I spoke of a questionnaire which was being sent to ministers and rabbis. Some twenty thousand responses have

been received and I expect to spend the next three weeks reading and interpreting these replies. A printed summary will be ready for release on May 2nd. I will enclose an outline of the plan we have for a nation-wide series of meetings among ministers on May 7th.

As ever,

Yours,

March 21, 1934

Mr. George A. Harper
Southern Arizona School for Boys,
Tucson, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Harper:

I am sorry for the long delay in replying to your letter, but I have been away from New York on a long trip. We note with pleasure what you say about the likelihood that Kirby, Jr. will be able to pass his examinations successfully. Believe me, it would be a very real tragedy if he should fail.

He has written us asking whether or not he can get a job and stay in Tucson during the summer. We have told him to follow his own judgment, but have expressed to him the very strong opinion that we hope he will come to North Carolina at the end of school. We expect to reach the cabin about May 16th, and hope that the boy will come along shortly thereafter. It seems imperative that Kirby be with his sister this summer. She has far more influence with him and succeeds in arousing him to endeavor more effectively than anybody else. If he is to enter the university in September it is highly important that he begin in the right spirit, and I think the summer in the mountains would be very helpful to him. I hope, therefore, that you will tactfully do all you can to get this idea into his mind.

We are most grateful for your continued cooperation.

Cordially yours,

HP:h

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March 23, 1934.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Page
3947 - 48th Street
Long Island City, New York

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Page:

Another month has passed and again we are mailing the report cards. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

I am still somewhat disappointed about Kirby's low grade in chemistry and I am trying my best to get him to do better work. I very much fear the University will not accept his chemistry credit, unless he can make a "3" average this semester. His work in Spanish and English are satisfactory, and we will hope for a better report on chemistry next month.

Kirby seems quite well and, as far as we know, everything is going along in the usual fashion.

With kind regards from all of us.

Very cordially yours,

Geo. A. Harper

George A. Harper.

GAH/M.
Encls.

March 27, 1934

Mr. William J. Reagan
Oakwood School,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Reagan:

Thanks for sending me the copy of Mary's report. We are glad she is doing so well, but agree with you that she could do very much better. We are delighted at the possibility that she will be able to enter Swarthmore and hope she is not tripped up by the college board exams. We are very pleased with the way she is developing and are grateful to you for the part you are playing.

Cordially yours,

KP:h

March 27, 1934

Mr. Kirby Page, Jr.
Arizona School for Boys,
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Son:

Mary blew in like a cyclone and things are whirling. Your ears must be burning as we constantly talk about you.

Your letter of March 20th arrived yesterday and brought forth howls of delight at the probability that you will be with us at Slab Sides. You should have seen Mary's face when she read the news. When will you be leaving Tucson?

Perhaps you had better have Mr. Harper get in touch with the right people at the University of Arizona and make preliminary arrangements for your entrance there next fall. You should also begin at once looking for a place where you can earn your room and board by waiting on table or doing some other odd jobs. It is better to do this in the spring than to wait until you get back in September.

Tell us what you have on your mind.

Affectionately,

KPsh

March 28 1934

Dear Mom.

I wrote grandma yesterday and she will get it before you get this if all goes well. I also wrote the other grandma tonight and I hope she gets it.

For the last few weeks we have been trying to get the junior polo team so it will function properly. We have the team because the other school put restrictions on the game and we weigh too much and are too old.

I think I told you that I asked captain for a job and he said he did not know as yet whether I could get one or not. If not I think I will take the bus to Houston and get a car to come the rest of the way home.

Love
Kirby

April 3, 1934

Mr. George A. Harper
Southern Arizona School for Boys
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Harper:

Many thanks for your letter of March 23rd. We are much concerned over the possibility that Kirby's work in chemistry may cause him trouble. I know that you will do everything possible to get him to get his grades up.

I will be grateful if you can make whatever preliminary registration that may be necessary at the University of Arizona. I should like also to have a copy of the catalog and any information about expenses that you may be able to secure.

We are looking forward eagerly to having Kirby with us at the cabin in North Carolina during the summer.

Cordially yours,

P:S

April 3, 1934

Dear Mary Page:

Miss Hartsuck has asked that you become assistant to the Dean of Girls in the place of Jane Poling. I am very glad to grant this request not only for her but for you also.

While Miss Craig has been glad to have you in the library, she is willing to release you for this new job. I am sure you will recognize it both as an opportunity and an obligation.

I have very much wanted you to have some such duty as this before leaving us. Of first importance is your own self-mastery. You will, of course, occasionally be misjudged by students who ought to know better and who would if they were to stop to think. If you can meet that situation with friendly firmness not caring too much what they think for the time being you have made a very important acquisition to your character and you have gained one of the best assets in any supervisory position.

It is also important that one obey regulations where he is not part of the administration. What you are will be very much more important than any particular thing you do.

I trust you will feel entirely free to ask Miss Hartsuck for help. The oftener you talk matters over with her the more sure you will be of getting the right thing done. Some of the assistants have felt that they ought to manage things without consulting the Dean. I have a feeling that in any important situation you ought to report to the Dean whatever disposal you have made of it.

I want to congratulate you on this opportunity. As I see it it is the biggest thing which has happened to you during the Senior year. I think you understand you are being relieved of other responsibilities.

Sincerely

W J Reagan

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C O P Y

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Sincerely

W. J. Reagan

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Kirby Page
april 3 1934

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My Buzzard

Last Sunday Jose and I went out to get a Rabbit to bait a trap with. We saw two rabbits and Jose shot at one; he hit him but he kept right on going. We circled around and saw them again, Jose shot and killed one. We looked around for the other one but he had hit for other regions. We took him to the trap, set it and left it to go its dirty work

Monday morning Jose went down to look at the trap but there was nothing in it. Later on in the morning I went down to look and saw a big bird in it. I ran up to the corral where Jose was shoeing horses and told him about it. We got a coupel sacks and went to get the bird. We took the trap off his leg and found out that it was not broken. We put him in a bag and brought him up to school. In the afternoon Jack put a strap on his leg, tied a rope on it and put him on a saw horse. We watched from a distance and saw him try to fly. Every time he got

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OAKWOOD SCHOOL
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

WILLIAM J. REAGAN, A. M., PRINCIPAL

April 3, 1934

Mr. Kirby Page
3947 48th Street
Long Island City, N.Y.

Dear Kirby Page:

On behalf of this year's graduating class of Oakwood School I am authorized to ask you to give our commencement address.

Commencement comes Friday night, June 22nd at 8:00 o'clock. It has been our custom for some time to use a parent of a member of the class if we have one who will have a message for us.

I am very happy to think of our group having you on the commencement occasion. I trust you will find it possible to accept; there is an honorarium of $50.00.

Very truly yours

W J Reagan

Principal

WJR
BT

april 4, 1934

Dear mom.

I hope you had a nice Easter, I imagine you did with Mary and ann there.

Well we lost the polo game, the bands just did not know enough about the game, anyway they had a lot of fun and so did we but that is the end of polo for this year. Entro we have a junior - senior game.

I am wondering how I should come home, Bus train or what. If you had no objection I would like to

hitch-hike, it would save a lot of money, I could do this to Houston and with the money I save, get a car and come on to Blue Ridge or I could take a bus to Houston and get a car and go on from there in it.

Do you know if Leonard Edgar will be there this summer Please write and ask them.

I think I can get home on the money I can get for my horse if you send a little bit more.

Love

K.

April 6, 1934

Mr. William J. Reagan
Oakwood School
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Reagan:

It is an honor indeed to be invited to give the commencement address and I accept with much enthusiasm.

My wife and I are very much pleased because Mary has been given this new responsibility and we hope that she proves worthy.

Cordially yours,

April 6, 1934

Capt. R. B. Fairgrieve
Southern Arizona School for Boys
Tucson, Ariz.

Dear Captain Fairgrieve:

Herewith I am enclosing a check. We are eagerly awaiting further word about Kirby's grades as it would constitute a first rate tragedy if he should fail to be graduated and thus become ineligible for entrance to the University in September.

It will be necessary for him to earn a portion of his expenses and I will be grateful for any suggestions that you are able to offer.

We greatly enjoyed the movie and thank you for letting us see it.

Very truly yours,

April 6, 1934

Miss Mary Page
Oakwood School
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dearest Mary:

Believe it or not, I have attended to the vast number of details contained in your letter. I had to do something to make up for my failure to mail mother's letter until after it had been in my brief case for three days. 'Steen thousand congratulations on the honor and responsibility that has come to you. This is probably the highest honor that can come to any girl in school and we are thrilled. The best part about it is that your teachers feel that you can assume such heavy responsibility.

By all means get a letter off to Arizona about that chemistry.

By the way, have you heard that mother and I are working on some questionnaires? No reply is expected.

Affectionately,

P.S.

april 10 1934

Dear mom.

I bought a new tennis racquett today because my steel one was a complect wreck and the one pop had last summer was, or rather had a split along the holes in the top and could not be restrung. Tell pop to buy a new racquet because I think I can beat him now. Tell him to get a good one.

Boy I sure am happy. only 4 more weeks of school and a week of tests.

This place is beginning

to get on my nerves. I stayed up late (0:30) on night but weep to get a letter, what do they do but keep me out of town the next saturday. That really is no excuse as a few of their boys have been doing it all year. and they never recieved any punishment. Please write how I should go home and whether I get a ~~car~~ car or not. or do I get the chevolet at the end of the ~~year~~ summer

Tell grandma I will write as soon as I can.

Love
K.

Southern Arizona School for Boys

"In the Sunshine Climate"

Tucson, Arizona

GEORGE A. HARPER
HEADMASTER

CAPTAIN RUSSELL B. FAIRGRIEVE
BUSINESS SUPERINTENDENT

April 11, 1934.

Dr. Kirby Page
3947 - 48th Street
Long Island City, New York

My dear Dr. Page:

I have asked the Registrar at the University of Arizona to mail you one of their catalogues. There is no doubt in my mind but that Kirby will graduate, and that he will have sufficient credits for admission to the University. I have written the University about him and we will take care of the necessary credentials. The formal application cannot be sent in until our school closes here and our records are completed.

You will receive a report of Kirby's work for this month in about a week after you receive this.

There will not be much doing here at the school after we close the 11th of May, and it is probable that Kirby will be on his way east soon after that time. Jobs for the summer about Tucson are very scarce.

With kindest regards and best wishes from all of us.

Very cordially yours,

Geo. A. Harper

George A. Harper.

GAH/M.

april. 16, 1934

Dear Mom.

Please write me and say how I am coming home, and whether I stop off in Houston. I was wondering if I should keep my horse or not. but I don't suppose I will be riding much next year.

Tell Pop to bring down the handball glove and a ball. also to buy a new tennis racquet as the old one is busted beyond repair.

I got a new one - and it rule is a pip.

I am in the finals of the single and double tournement here and have hopes of winning both.

I got a flunk in chemistry but believe it or not, I studied more this month than any heretofore. But don't worry, I will get to college next year or bust.

Love
K.

April 18, 1934.

Dear Son:

We have been delighted to get the two recent letters from you. I can well believe that you are eager to reach the end of the school year. That is the way I always felt when we came so close to summer. We can hardly wait ourselves until we get into the mountains. This ought to be the best summer we have ever had, and we are eagerly anticipating your arrival.

Mother and I have talked over at length the question of your getting a second-hand car and driving back. Our judgment is that in the long run this would be much more expensive than the cost of the bus fare or the train fare. An inexpensive second hand car always runs up a big bill for new tires, repairs, and various expenses. It is going to be necessary for us to watch expenses very closely and we do not think it wise for you to run the risk involved in getting a cheap car.

You had better get full information as to which is cheapest, bus or train. If you can make a saving, it probably will be wise to get a round trip ticket. Better talk this over with the Captain.

I am sending you one of the early confidential copies of the summary of the replies to the questionnaire upon which Mother and I have been working for so long a time. I think that Mr. Harper and Captain Fairgrieve will be interested in looking it over.

We expect to reach the cabin on the morning of May 17. This will give you time for a brief visit in League City. We can hardly wait until you come!

Affectionately yours,

KP/L

Southern Arizona School for Boys
"In the Sunshine Climate"
Tucson, Arizona

GEORGE A. HARPER
HEADMASTER

CAPTAIN RUSSELL B. FAIRGRIEVE
BUSINESS SUPERINTENDENT

April 18, 1934.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Page
3947 - 48th Street
Long Island City, New York

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Page:

The seventh month of the school work has just closed and we are entering the last month of the year. Please sign the enclosed card and return to us as soon as convenient.

Naturally, we are very much disappointed in Kirby's grade in chemistry for this month. I have talked with both Mr. Milne and Kirby about it and they agree that there is a good possibility that Kirby can finish this work and get his credit, but his average grade will, of course, be low. He has some difficulty in understanding certain of the processes, so that I do not consider it all Kirby's fault, although he might give it more time. I am putting on some restrictions about going to town and the length of time he must spend in supervised study which may help a little. I do not believe there is any serious danger that he will fail the course and I hope it does not worry you. His other grades are quite satisfactory.

We all join in best wishes and kindest regards.

Very cordially yours,

Geo. A. Harper

George A. Harper.

GAH/M.
Encls.

april 18, 1934

Dear mom.

I asked Captain to obtain information on the bus fares and he did so, he obtained them to Houston as I intend to stop off there. The cost is seventeen dollars to Houston running from Saturday night to Monday night. The ~~Texas~~ train is $34 and $8 for a berth. I want to stop off there as I do not intend to stay on the bus for about a week at a time, you don't sleep much on them.

I also wish to stop off there

so I want to see everyone and perhaps get a car.

I intend to sell my horse and saddle, or trade my whole outfit. I will leave most of my junk here. School gets out on May 11 and I will leave here on Monday May 14, to stop off in League City for about two weeks or perhaps more. If luck make me arrive in Blue Ridge sometime around June 5th or later. I will go up to see Mary Graduate I will send my box by express straight to Blue

Ridge and mail you the checks so you can get it out before it rots. I am glad the alec's are coming to Blue Ridge, it makes the place less like a tomb, which it really is. Don't forget the tennis racquet and handball gloves

Love
K.

April 30 1934

Dear mom.

Captain has not gotten the information about the buses yet but I guess he will soon. as for a round trip ticket, I don't know. I think I shall go to N.Y after the vacation to get some clothes, and perhaps come back out here with my [redacted] room mate. I am going to room with my present room mate next year.

I shall leave most of my junk here, and send the

box back by express. I will carry the small suit case and hope I can get all I want in it.

I shall stay at League city three or four weeks and will arrive in Blue Ridge around the 5th of June.

Write the reply to this letter write to League city.

Are Edgar and John going to be there all summer write and tell me.

Love
Kitty.

april 23, 1934

Dear mom.

Since I last wrote you I have won the singles in tennis and my partner and I won the doubles, today. I have not lost my own serve in about two months and I realy have a swell serve when it is going well. I went on a trip the other day and stayed over night. We got up as high as 8500 feet which was as high as we could go. I am going to try to sell my horse and saddle tomorrow

and I will tell you the results soon. I asked Captain to find out about the bus fares ~~and~~ I imagine he will do so tomorrow.

Love
Kirby.

Apr 23, 1934

Dearest Mom,

No - Dad didn't tell me - but I'll be ready anyway. I'm glad it is this weekend anyway - because Miss Hartsuch wants to go some where the weekend after, and I'd have to be here - so ___. It suits all the way around.

K. wrote the other day. He seems to be having a good time aside from extra chem study halls. He probably told you that he was in both the doubles and singles tennis finals - I haven't heard how he came out yet.

play which is this week-end
which I'll miss - but I'd
rather miss it than home.
I may be able to see a
rehearsal or something anyway.

I played tennis for the
first time Saturday. Pretty
the court is fixed so far
and it seems he lots better.
but it was fun playing -
I won too - which is encouraging.

We've started wearing
anklesocks already.

We had the annual
extemporaneous speaking
contest Saturday. Royal
won the first prize - so
much. not so bad.
He's doing debating too
this year. and so

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He also said that he'd
get up here for commencement
if he had to hitch-hike - all
of which makes me feel pretty
swell. By the way -
how in he going to Blue Ridge?
Train - car - bus ??? or how?

Jane is down in N.C.
with her sister and brother-in-
law - or did I tell you?
I haven'd heard from her
yet worse luck. -
You've got me guessing about
what you mean about
Doc and Pokey - what the
matter - you going to drive
them down to B.R. or
something?

Nan's in the junior

everybody marveling at him. Everyone says he should be a lawyer - even the judges of the debates have mentioned it. He really is a wiz. He has confidence which helps one hundred per cent. Well I'll be seeing you - unless something drastic happens in the meantime.

Don't forget - three o'clock

Love -
Mary.

Southern Arizona School for Boys
"In the Sunshine Climate"
Tucson, Arizona

GEORGE A. HARPER
HEADMASTER

CAPTAIN RUSSELL B. FAIRGRIEVE
BUSINESS SUPERINTENDENT

April 24, 1934.

Dr. Kirby Page
3947 - 48th Street
Long Island City, New York

My dear Dr. Page:

You have written two or three times about Kirby's plans for next year,and each time I have replied I have postponed discussing his plans for going to the university.

The University of Arizona at Tucson is quite good in many respects. My own daughters have been going there for several years since Helen entered in 1928 and, naturally, I have kept in touch with the work done in the various colleges. The University has a strong college of Mining and Engineering. The work in mathematics and science is first class. This, also, holds for all of the work done in the Liberal Arts College and for many other departments. Their school of Commerce is fairly good, but probably would not rank very high with some similar schools in other universities. My own private feeling about the University is that the discipline is just fair. There is entirely too much drinking and wasting of time among the boys,and some of the boys from our own school here have not done very well for the reason that they were not properly controlled. Whether they would have done any better in any other school is a question. Some of the other boys who have gone there from S.A.S. have done quite well.

Now, it is up to the boy to make good. If Kirby wants to go to the University and has a determination to succeed, I believe that he can do it. On the other hand, if he goes there in a half-hearted frame of mind about his studies, he will not make the grade. I think Kirby has sufficient will-power to keep out of exceptionally bad company, but the influences to waste time and take things in a careless attitude may get the best of him, unless his determination is sufficiently strong to keep at his work.

This is the picture, as I see it. While Kirby is making a very low grade in chemistry, there is no doubt in our minds but that he will graduate here and can be admitted to the University.

He will find some of the work at the University very hard and much care should be used in choosing his subjects. We have kept him under rather close restraint here at the school. Naturally, there has been little opportunity for him to form many bad habits.

There are some opportunities at the University of Arizona for a student to earn a part of his expenses. The boy who is eager to find them and who is willing to make good on a part time job generally gets the preference. There are many ways in which Kirby should be able to earn a portion of his expenses.

I shall be glad to discuss this matter further with you if you have any questions.

With kindest regards from all of us.

Very cordially yours,

Geo. A. Harper

George A. Harper.

GAH/M.

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May 1, 1934.

Dear Son:

Mother and I have been talking seriously of the possibility of moving to Southern California, in order that you and Mary may be in college together. The great difficulty would be that I would be compelled to be away from home much of the time, as it is necessary for me to continue my work here in New York. The best I could do would be to make frequent trips to the Coast. There is a possibility that we may be able to work out some such arrangement.

We are thinking of some college in Southern California. The climate would be wonderful for Grandmother as well as Mother and it would be glorious to have you and Mary at home. There are a dozen colleges in Southern California, and I am not sure just which one we should pick out. There is an excellent college at Whittier, thirteen miles from Los Angeles, in the midst of the fruit section, not far from the mountains and not very far from the Pacific Ocean. It is a Quaker institution and the new President is one of my old friends, in whom I have the utmost confidence.

How does the idea strike you? If we carry out this plan Mother and Mary and Grandmother would drive through in the car from Slabsides. As soon as we find out how the matter appeals to you and what Mary thinks of the idea, and as soon as so get more details from California colleges, we can make up our minds. In the meantime, do tell me how the idea appeals to you.

As ever,

Mr. Kirby Page, Jr.,
Arizona School for Boys,
Tucson, Arizona

KP/L

May 1, 1934.

President W. W. Mendenhall,
Friends University,
Wichita, Kansas

My dear Friend:

The fact that you are soon to take up new responsibilities at Whittier College has caused my wife and I to consider seriously the possibility of having our son and daughter enter Whittier in September. Kirby, Jr. has been for four years at the Southern Arizona School for Boys at Tucson and Mary is at Oakwood in Poughkeepsie.

My Mother's health is very frail and Alma is far from robust herself. Under the circumstances, therefore, it may be wise for us to rent a place near the college campus and have both of the children at home. In this event I would plan to spend as much time as possible in California, making frequent trips from the East. We are especially anxious to rent a place outside of the city, where Mother and Alma could be out of doors much of the time.

I realize that you are not in a position to give me detailed information, but I wanted you to know what is running through our minds. Any suggestions that you care to pass along will be appreciated.

Cordially yours,

Kirby Page

KP/L

May 1, 1934.

Mr. Gale Seaman,
University Y.M.C.A.,
1063 Westwood Blvd.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Gale:

There is a possibility that my wife and Mother may come to California in September in order to have our son and daughter enter college. Kirby has been for four years in the Southern Arizona School for Boys at Tucson and Mary is at Oakwood, in Poughkeepsie. It seems necessary that the boy stay in the West, and we are naturally very eager to have the two of them together. My Mother's health is very frail and Alma is far from robust herself. Under the circumstances, therefore, it may be wise for us to rent a place near some college campus and have both of the children at home. In this event I would plan to spend as much time as possible in California, making frequent trips from the East.

We have been wondering if Whittier is the place, if we decide to come to the Coast. We are confident that a smaller college is better than a big University for our purposes. We are especially eager to rent a place outside of the city, where Mother and Alma could be out of doors much of the time. I wish you would write me frankly your estimate of various California colleges. You know, of course, that President Mendenhall of Wichita is coming to Whittier in September as the new President. I know him most intimately and have the highest possible regard for him.

Any suggestions that you may care to pass along will be keenly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Kirby Page

KP/L

May 1, 1934.

Registrar,
Whittier College,
Whittier, Calif.

My dear Sir:

There is a possibility that we may desire to have our son, Kirby, Jr., and our daughter Mary enter Whittier College next September, and I would be very grateful if you could send me a catalogue and all other information that you think would be helpful. Mary is being graduated from Oakwood, at Poughkeepsie, in June and Kirby is finishing Southern Arizona School for Boys, at Tucson.

Thanking you in advance for this information, I am

Sincerely yours,

Kirby Page

KP/L

May 1, 1934.

Dear Mary:

Brace yourself and get ready for a big shock! How would you like to go to California? You do not need to answer. I remember your exclamation last Saturday. We have just received a letter from Mr. Harper in which he expresses grave doubt as to the wisdom of having Kirby enter the University of Arizona alone. He is very doubtful whether Kirby would be able to stay in the University very long. He has been coached so long that to throw him completely on his own now might prove to be very disastrous. Since his whole future is at stake, Mother and I have been talking seriously about the possibility of moving to Southern California, in order that both of you might be in college together and live at home. The great difficulty would be that I would be compelled to be away from home much of the time, as it is necessary for me to continue my work here in New York. The best I could do would be to make frequent trips to the Coast. There is a possibility that we may be able to work out some such arrangement.

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How does the idea strike you? We will write again as soon as we get further details.

Heaps of love,

KP/L

May 1, 1934.

Mr. William Harper,
Arizona School for Boys,
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Harper:

We are most grateful for your letter about the University of Arizona. Increasingly we are in doubt about the wisdom of having Kirby try to make the grade alone next year. We are now seriously exploring the possibility of moving to Southern California in order that Kirby and Mary may be in college together.

I have just written him raising the question and would be glad indeed to have you talk the matter over very frankly with him. It would be necessary for me to continue my responsibilities here in New York and I would be away from California much of the time. We are not at all certain about the matter, but are making explorations.

I would be glad to have you write me after you have talked further with Kirby.

Cordially yours,

Kirby Page

KP/L

May 9, 1930

Dear Mom.

The classes are over for the year, except the exams, which take two days. I have already taken my Spanish exam and I think I passed it. My chemistry comes tomorrow and my English the next day. We are going to have a fairly bid doings here Friday night when we get our sheepskins and after that a dance.

I sold my horse and saddle for $60 and a few

other things for some more.

I think I shall get a ticket from Here to ashville, I can stop off at Houston but have to compleat the trip in 60 days. I shall plan to arrive In ashville on June 1, 1934 I will write you at what time I will arrive from Houston.

You don't need to send any money to League city as I will not need it. I will Have enough when I leave here

I think the Idea of going to Calif is swell.

Except I would rather go here, (for various reasons) but don't worry about me I will go wherever, you and Mary want to go. What ever you do, decide to come West and leave the east. It would be much nicer living at home than in a dormatory.

Love
Kirby.

P.S.
I am bring a Gila monster and a couple of snakes.

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WHITTIER COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

May 9, 1934

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Ave.
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Page:

We were glad to know that there was a possibility of our having your son and daughter with us next year. We are mailing a descriptive bulletin under separate cover which will give you considerable information about the college, as well as rather interesting views of the campus. We are also sending you one of our old catalogues. We regret to do this but as you are anxious to know something of the nature of the courses which we offer we thought this would give you this information, and we will see that one of the new catalogues is sent as soon as they are ready for distribution, which we hope will be within two or three weeks. We are adding graduate work this year and are also making considerable change in the music department, which has delayed the issuing of the new catalogue.

We had the pleasure of hearing you last year so that I believe you are familiar with the campus. Of course, those of us who are intimately connected with the college are most enthusiastic and I believe that your son and daughter would be very happy here if they are interested in the rather informal life which we lead.

The largest and best equipped dormitory for women is filling up very rapidly so that I would suggest a reservation being made for your daughter if she is thinking seriously of being with us next year. There are always single vacancies during the summer, but we seem to be having an unusual number of applications rather early this year. The men's dormitory is not as well filled so that your son would probably have no difficulty in securing a comfortable room if he wished to leave the choice of a room until later.

Dr. W. O. Mendenhall of Friends University, Wichita, is to be our new president. He arrives July 1. Possibly you know Dr. Mendenhall, as your travels take you to every state. He seems to be a very fine person and we are looking forward to having him with us, although we regret losing Dr. Dexter.

If after receiving the publications which we are mailing to you there are questions you would like to ask please feel free to write us at any time. We shall be glad to send any further information and application cards as soon as you have made your decision, whether or not your son and daughter will come to California for their college work.

Very sincerely yours,

Marjorie P. Walker

(Mrs.) Marjorie P. Walker
Acting Registrar

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N. D. Wright
Attorney at Law
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LUFKIN, TEXAS

May 10th 1934.

Mrs. Isabella Murry,
Black-Mountain, N.C.

Dear Sister Murry;

I have your favor of 6th inst. and note same I preaume from your letter that the papers and the deal has been duly received and the matter closed. Also I note what you said about request of your son etc.

I will be perfectly satisfied with a fee of five dollars for my services in the matter and trust that you will be, aslo however, if you think that more than you expected I will be satistfied with what ever he may send, I have never had the heart to over charge any one and always try to give good service. I had no particular argument about the interest rate and, as you saw, got the 8% on deferred payments.

I trust that you are having a pleasant time and will remain well and when I can be of service to you or your son I will be glad to have you call on me.

Faithfully yours,

N. D. Wright

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Southern Arizona School for Boys

"In the Sunshine Climate"

Tucson, Arizona

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HEADMASTER

CAPTAIN RUSSELL B. FAIRGRIEVE
BUSINESS SUPERINTENDENT

May 14, 1934

Dr. and Mrs. Kirby Page
3947 48th Street
Long Island City, New York

My dear Dr. and Mrs. Page:

Kirby's card, giving his grades for the end of the school year, is enclosed. He made considerable improvement in his Chemistry the last few weeks of school but of course his average in that subject is quite low.

I have talked with Kirby two or three times about his plans for next year. I believe at present he is very much undecided with regard to the college he shall attend. He says you are considering Whittier College near Los Angeles. I would recommend a small college like Whittier in preference to a large university. Kirby said he would talk the matter over with you and would write me about the first week of June.

He has already gone to Tucson to catch the bus this evening for El Paso and Houston. We are hoping for him a safe and satisfactory trip and will be glad to hear of his arrival at his destination.

With highest regards from all of us.

Very cordially yours,

Geo. A. Harper

George A. Harper

GAH/FC
Encl.

1414 Hill Street
Ann Arbor, Mich.
May 14, 1934.

Dear Kirby -

You have been so very generous with your time and energy in my behalf that I hesitate to ask more of you but I'm feeling very frustrated over conditions and want your advice. Benita has evidently left Wilhoit (tho it has not been discussed with me) but Harold has been in an intolerable mood ever since, evidently feeling very sorry for himself and for some strange reason feeling resentful toward me for Benita's leaving. He is really not himself at all - and is less willing than ever to make over gestures toward reconciliation with me.

One of the few remarks that he's made to me in the last two weeks is a suggestion that we go to a Psychiatrist. Now I have some prejudice against the advice of a psychiatrist in

a case like this. I feel that a person like yourself who has known us well over a period of years can suggest possible solutions better than a person who knows neither of us. But if Harold feels that it would be valuable I'm glad to do it. However, I don't want to go to anyone in Detroit. The people to whom Bernice and Harold have talked in Detroit - apparently on a professional basis) have discussed the affair quite freely and if I'm going to go on living in this vicinity I really don't want any more discussion of it around here. Someone has already discussed it with Billy and upset him. Do you know any one in N.Y or any other place whom you'd recommend?

My second request is this - I'm really concerned over Harold and I feel that perhaps if he could get away for a while he might get a different perspective on life in general. I'd like to see him spend some time with people who could hold him up to the highest standards he has. Have you any suggestions. The only thing I'm thought of was the Geneva conference. He did enjoy that two years ago.

Are you going to be there and could you urge Harold to go? Of course he'll say that he can't leave the farm but he can't go on indefinitely in the frame of mind he is in now and I don't feel that he's getting any help from the few contacts he has here.

With much appreciation

Affectionately

Laura.

Southern Arizona School for Boys

Report of Page, Kirby for the Year 193 3 - 193 4 Grade 12th

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Will the parent please sign in the space checked and mail the card to us in the enclosed envelope?

Very cordially yours,

Geo. A. Harker

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May 15, 1934

Dear Kirby:

Greetings. These are busy times with me as well as you. We are well and working away, trying to get some old debts paid, and do some needed painting on the home. I am still representing Southwestern Life Insurance and working as above too. In time this last work should prove profitable and I like it better than selling insurance. I keep Godchaux's books, and do a lot of outside running around for him, and audit books for his clients. A little job I am on now pays me $10.00, a week's work odd moments. I have made numerous trips to Belleville, Wharton, Galveston, San Marcos, San Antonio, Crockett, etc. He bought me a 1932 Chev. Coupe and pays operating and all traveling expenses. Norma goes with me when she can get away. I am slated for trips

soon to Richmond, Belleville, San Antonio, San Marcos, Shreveport and New Orleans. We handle swindle cases for doctors and dentists, and others. Recovers on bogus stocks, bonds, and other swindles. I'm building a real business and willing to give me percentage of cases I work on in addition to $10.00 or $15.00 a week in cash and car & traveling expense. We gets good fees too. Nona is slowing up and we are not running around in crowds as much as formerly. She can not stand contact with so many people.

Mother writes that you and Alice have been wonderful in your treatment of her and I surely appreciate it too. Glad you got the Lufkin farm deal closed. Mother has surely been looking forward to the season at your Camp and I do hope it agrees with her. We plan to run up for a few days when she is ready to come to Texas. What are your plans and hers after this winter? We should be glad to have her live with us

as long as she will do so. Can make her comfortable in our home and leave her free to do pretty much as she pleases. I rather gather the impression that she does not like New York and am wondering if she will be able to stand Houston for any length of time. We hope so. Mama dearly loves Mother and is willing to do anything she can for her.

If Mother is not satisfied to live in our home after a few months visit with us, we can find her a little furnished apartment in an elderly couple's home in the outskirts of Houston, put in telephone, and let her feel like she is her own housekeeper again. We would not ask her to do this, but merely mention as a possibility if she chooses and wages to go back on a farm. But time will tell. What about her physical condition, after your conference with the Doctor? Methinks she will not be able to keep house by herself, but will need looking after regularly. Tell me anything you think I should know and we will do the best we can for her at all times.

I observe from time to time that you are on the go and busy as can be. It is surprising that you and Alma can carry so heavy a load continuously. I hope the children are okeh and we will be glad to get acquainted better with them. You see, we hardly know them. I know you will enjoy much pleasure from all of you being together at the Camp and hope the 4 months time proves beneficial as well. I wish you and I could have real spiritual fellowship, but it looks impossible as we are traveling opposite roads. We shall have to make the best of it, I guess, and each must give account of himself to God. Norma joins in love to all of you. I do not intend to be mean by not writing oftener. Just pressed with many affairs and too worried and tired to be interested in any letter writing. I am stealing time from sweet job to scratch these lines hurriedly. Hope you can read it. Your brother

Leak

May 19, 1934

Dear Mom.

Well, I got here alright, but oh boy what a journey. That bus sure is rough riding. It took two nights and a day, and no sleep.

All my snakes came through fine and perhaps I can get a few more down here, I have four snakes two lizards and a gila monster. Don't try to get the snakes out of the zoo until I come. But if you get any before I com buy them.

I graduated, so don't worry about that. How many of us are going to see, Dray graduate.

I shall arrive on the first and will write as what time.

I sent my box by express and left a bigger one at the school. It will get to Black Mountain soon, if it has not arrived already. Please get it out. When does pop get there

Love

K.

Telephone Lehigh 6248

Telephone Capitol 2920

A. L. PAGE

INSURANCE & INVESTMENTS

808 Anita Avenue

HOUSTON, TEXAS

May 27th, 1934.

Dear Kirby and Alma:

We were glad to get your letter and especially thankful to get the report on Mother's condition, as she had written about having seen a physician and that neither he nor Alma would tell her just what the trouble was. The shock of Mr. Murry's death, with the complete uprooting of her normal life, we knew would be a decided set-back for her, but we do not feel that there is unusual cause for worry. She is sensible in caring for herself and as old age comes on, certain decay inevitably sets in. She needs outdoor relaxation and she is like all women as they grow older, about wanting to be alone for fear of being in the way. Norma's mother was this way a leo, and always afraid of any extra expense they are causing.

When we begin to expect Mr. Murry's death, we knew that Mother would always rather be in a few rooms by herself than with one of us all of the time. When the breaking up and selling took place, Norma watched to see some of the things she seemed especially attached to and brought them here, where we have them waiting for her in the outhouse. Norma has been inquiring and has found an occasional old couple who have divided their little cottages into duplexes on the outskirts of town. We can find one of these for Mother, where she can be alone when she wishes, with the old lady to visit with if desired. She can have a telephone where she can reach us easily and as Norma has her own car, can get to her quickly. There will also be a yard in which she can work, and plant a few vegetables. We think a place like this can be gotten furnished for $20.00 or $25.00 a month. This may even include the telephone. She has so much canned and preserved stuff here that living would cost her practically nothing and she would have what suits her best. She would have her feather bed and we have a goodly number of her quilts, some small rugs, and a few kitchen utensils, books, pictures, vases and clock.

It surely sounds good to think that you may live in California. Indeed this will be the very best thing for Alma; of course, for Mother also, but if her entire mind is against it, it might even prove disastrous for her. But how nice to think that you can all be together again, which will be much better for the children. Perhaps Kirby will be able to spend more time at home that you now think possible. We hope so at least, for at the best as we grow older, life seems short. We believe we need not worry about Mother, we can afford to humor her, for there is not much time left to her anyway.

There are some people here who live near Ashville, who may want to return in two or three weeks from their visit to relatives. If we come then, we may be able to take them home and let them pay us a little towards our expenses, which would be quite helpful. Perhaps, Mother would not want to come here this early, if so, we will wait and come when she is ready. You did not say when you would plan to move West, if you decide to make the change. Let us know what you will do, so that we can fit in with your plans. We have been looking forward to coming that far North and spending a week with you, but do not want to disrupt any of your plans or come just when we might be in the

way, for you have so little time for your entire family to be together.

We are fortunate to keep our rooms rented. We lose several weeks occasionally but when the cash gets pretty low, the rooms fill up. My income is so irregular that we never know just what we can do. I wish I could help Perry if he is in real need, but that is out of the question just now. When he does have money, he just throws it away, judging from certain remarks that occasionally come from Edith. He never tells us any of his financial affairs at all, she just has to guess when things are tight. It would do no good whatever to talk to Perry, he grows quiet and hard and just avoids me afterwards. No one can say anything to him at all. He has been sick, and whatever it was, the Doctor bill was heavy. Edith does not seem to be well either. Perry is always friendly but there is no need to try to get close to him. He has a peculiar idea that since he went to war the world owes him a living and in a way, it seems right for he gave up much, and if I had to be a soldier I think I should feel very nearly the same way.

It has been unusually cool all spring and it sounds strange to say that we are all using light-weight blankets.

Expecting to hear of your further plans and that you are all fairly well, we must close. We have kept remarkably well except that Norma works a little harder and longer than she should.

Lovingly,

Norma and Leah

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June 13, 1934.

Dr. Kirby Page
Black Mountain, N. C.

My dear Dr. Page and Kirby,Jr. :

I wrote recently to Whittier College for their literature and application blanks. You will find enclosed the personal application blank which Kirby should fill out and mail back to Whittier within a few days. I am sending our recommendation and a statement of his credits to Whittier this week.

We were glad to hear from both of you recently and we hope you are having a fine summer.

I notice, Dr. Page, that you are to be in Evanston, July 6th. We certainly will want to see you. We will be there by that time. We have taken an apartment in Evanston at 715 Lincoln Street. I do not know our phone number, but the phone we will use is in the name of Miss Clara Murphy. We will hope you will get in touch with us when you come to Evanston and we will want to have a visit with you, if possible. We are starting to drive east June 18th.

If I get any further information from Whittier, I shall write you at once.

We all join in kindest regards,

Very cordially yours,

Geo. A. Harper

George A. Harper.

GAH/M.
Encls.

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Black Mountain, N.C., June 21, 1934.

Dear Kirby:

Greetings! and I hope you are okay, and that the commencement exercises go off properly. I know you will all enjoy being together again.

Things took a peculiar turn with us so that we are spending the entire week here with Mother at Slabsides. I left Norma here on Monday while I drove to Brevard. Ascertained that the Baptist preacher was out of town there on two week's meeting, holiness people were using courthouse for revival, the Methodist pastor was absent too, so we were not required to go into action, which is most gratifying.

We will be here until Monday afternoon, leaving in time to reach Brevard for Bible class Monday night in the Simpson home. Will be there for supper and spend the night, after the meeting, in their home. Mother will accompany us and wishes to be left in tourist cabin while we visit and teach. We plan to start towards home on Tuesday morning from Brevard. Norma and Mother and I walked over to Robt. E. Lee hall and left word that the young man's services would not be needed until next Monday night, and not then if Mrs. Kirby Page had arrived at the cabin. We stocked up on groceries, all three going to Black Mountain in the car. I mailed your three letters and two for Mother, and attended to forwarding your letters. The papers, books, etc., are being preserved here for you. Rained Sunday afternoon, night and most of Monday but is clear and dry since Tuesday. The three of us went walking in the canyon again this morning and Mother is surprising us with the way she gets around. We stop and rest, take it easy, and she enjoys it.

Several long talks with Mother are clearing the air and she seems to be getting her bearings. Money matters still worry her but we are trying to reassure her and believe she will soon find a place in Houston nearby us that will suit her fairly well. We will not push her into anything unwanted. She was humiliated, she tells me, to have to ask you for some cash after having been without a long time and says she cannot get to her $500.00 postal savings money; that only Alma can draw it out. Inasmuch as you are moving to California and Alma will no longer be with Mother, it occurs to me that you had better arrange to transfer her money to Houston postal savings account. I have Mother's promise that she will not pass any of it to Perry, or Leak, only draw it out herself as she wants it. I will take care of her rent but she insists on paying for her own groceries, etc., so I have agreed to shop for her, but

let her pay the actual cost of her own groceries. She is hesitant about mentioning transfer to you and Alma, but wants it, so I am, in this manner, bringing the matter to your attention. I promise you that I will not use a dollar of her money, nor let Perry have any of it, so far as I am concerned and able to have any say in matter. Unless she has her own money where she can get to it, she is going to be pretty miserable and hard to do anything with, for she will not willingly be a burden on any of us. Rather commit suicide, she says - which she has contemplated. (Keep this to yourself though.) Norma will be good to her and YOU KNOW I will do my best to make her happy. With the Reo ever available, Norma and Edith and Mother can have some drives and visits often, and at times Perry and I will get into the party for trip to Galveston beaches, etc. A great change for the better is taking place in Mother already, since she feels definitely assured that the Texas trip is imminent. She never did feel at home in New York, and that's no faults of yours, or Alma's, for you did nobly for her. She feels that she belongs in the South. So get her money transferred to Houston and I believe Norma and I can gradually and surely bring up more nearly up to par. As I said, we will take care of her monthly rent but she will not permit us to pay for the groceries too. Insists on doing that herself, out of her money. She does not want to spend it, as you know, rather save it for funeral expenses. Desires to go to work as housekeeper for someone to earn her living expenses, but she is not physically able to do that and no use either since she has the cash available. She is going to be hard to handle, even at best, but we will be patient and I believe can help her to see daylight.

You will not have the $4. or $5. expense to pay to the young man for staying at night with Mother, as we will be here every night up to and including Sunday night. Monday night we will all three be in Brevard, but will lock up the house and leave note for Alma.

Dr. Porter took the stake drug and said he would have fresh supply by the time Alma is home. She is to call for it in exchange. He was very nice about it.

We are enjoying the use of the cabin and the visit with Mother. Thank you for the invitation to visit here and we are delighted that affairs have worked out enabling us to be here a week at a stretch, instead of splitting up our brief stay. We are reading some of your books, the daily papers, magazines and making the most of the opportunity. Have been reading aloud to Mother and Norma too. I have used your machine to write half a dozen letters and altogether our stay here is pleasant and profitable. Norma particularly is enjoying the rest. Mother has been allowed to plan some meals and cook them as she liked so that has eased up matters quite a bit.

I shall look forward to seeing you when you are in Houston and Mother will be athrill too with expectation. Suppose Alma and the children will reach the Cabin Monday afternoon or Tuesday some time and we will leave things in good shape.

Lovingly, your brother, Leak

OAKWOOD SCHOOL
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

WILLIAM J. REAGAN, A. M., PRINCIPAL

$50

June 26, 1934

Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Kirby Page:

I am enclosing a check for $50.00. The $5.00 which I gave you was turned over to me for that purpose by a friend who attended commencement and was impressed by the whole program.

I wish you might have heard the comment made by the students the next morning. It was a very worth while occasion and will have lasting effects, I am sure.

I shall be much interested in Mary's program in Whittier. I am sure you will like the college very much.

Manford Kuhn, my son-in-law, is much interested in the Billie Sunday prayer which was cheered in the Senate and which was printed in the American Mercury. May he borrow your copy for a short time?

Very truly yours

W. J. Reagan

W. J. Reagan

WJR
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Check

June 27, 1934.

Darling:

We got in Monday at 4:30 and the rest of them had left at noon. Mother was so afraid she would deprive Mary of her room and worried so Norma went on. The people at Brevard wanted them to stay with them Monday night and they had not gotten your telegram and went on their way. They left everything clean and closed up and Norma said she had enjoyed the stay and had staid here with mother instead of going to Brevard with Leak.

We got through in fine shape except that we must have melted away a few pounds on the way, anyway we melted enough. It was cool and nice most of the tine as long as we were driving, but whenever we had to stop it was hot. It has been nice here, but is thundering a little now and may rain some, but then again it may go around.

Will you please send me your Chicago address, as I have forgotten it and as mother is gone I cannot get it from her. I don't really know just where you are in Atlanta, but suppose I could find out from some of the people around here if I tried. However will send this along to Mrs. Alex.

Got a letter from her and they don't seem to be able to find a place for her grandmother. Her mother is in Chicago and there is no one to stay with the grandmother. It is really too bad because the boys want to come and so does she, but they haven't worked it out yet.

We got things packed and stored and ready to ship at Sunnyside and the old place looked awfully bare when we left. Heaps and heaps and heaps love,

Yours ever,

Alma

Friday July

Kirby Dear – nothing new
I just sit here from day to day.
Leah comes twice a week, a few minutes,
Sunday night he brought Mama &
Perry & Edith – took us for a drive
through Herman Park – & to see where
P & E moved to – much cheaper place –
then stopped & ate ice cream cones —

always glad to hear from you
no use to send by airmail though,
hope you are well

Love from, Mother

R 3. Box 427
Houston
Tex

2412 Blodgett
July 3rd

Dear Kirby:

Here I am, bringing you our troubles!

We dont like to bother you but haven't any one else to turn to.

Could you lend us a hundred dollars, or even seventy five, for four or five months?

I know that is a lot to ask these days - Mother says that things aren't going so well with you either, but we simply dont know what to do.

You see, Perry was sick all this last winter and had doctor bills to pay. And on top of that he was out of work several weeks at a time.

However, we managed to keep up with expenses untill the last two months.

I insisted that we move a long time ago when things first began to go wrong but he wouldn't listen - was so sure that he would soon catch up again.

After he got so far behind on the rent we couldn't move, and, anyway, we had nothing to move with.

He went to work week before last at twenty

dollars a week and will hang on there as long as the job lasts or untill the other job opens up again, which he thinks will be soon. But of course we cant depend on that.

I am trying hard to run things my way now and see if I cant do better - at least untill we get back on our feet.

Lets hope we do get back on our feet!

I dont know, either, just how long he will let me handle things. But right now he is desperate and quite willing for me to see what I can do.

You see, by the fifteenth of July we will owe two months rent - seventy five dollars.

If we could get the money to pay that up, then move to a cheaper place - I'm afraid we cant get any thing cheaper than twenty five a month with no bills paid or thirty ~~five~~ with lights and gas furnished. Will surely do our very best to do even better than that if it is possible.

Where we are nothing is furnished but refrigeration.

The other unpaid bills we will try and get out of the way before the fifteenth.

We haven't been spending a cent on ourselves - never go to a show or any place and of course will keep on doing the same way untill we catch up.

We think we can save five dollars a week and can pay you back at the rate of twenty a month - as long as he has any kind of work at all.

Of course, if he should get a better job we can make it more than that. And if I can sell the pianos that will help. Have been trying, but no sale so far.

This idea of borrowing money was mine. Perry didn't want to at all. He said he would give the land lord as much as possible every week untill caught up.

It took a lot of talk to show him that while he is catching up on back rent more rent is piling up. And that we must eat. That other bills have to be paid. He simply can't catch up on twenty a week.

I am going to try to find something to do my self - but haven't even had car fare to go and look for work.

Well, Kirby, this has surely been a hard luck letter. When we write

you so seldom – in fact, we just don't write do we – I'm sorry it had to be this kind of letter.

Please understand that even though we haven't said much – if anything – about how much we owe you or how much you have helped us, we do appreciate it all.

And I do so wish there was some way we could pay it back. But there isn't.

We have only seen mother for a little while, Leak brought her over when he went to church Sunday and came for her on the way home. No body seems to know what she is going to do – or wants to do. Thats another problem.

Leak and Norma enjoyed their trip so much. Mother didn't enjoy the trip home though, they came through the mountains and she was nervous.

Kirby, if you just cant spare the money please just say so and we will get along just as we would if there wasn't any you. And please believe me when I say we will pay it back just as soon as possible.

Perry was ashamed to write I suppose. Poor kid! It seems he can't get along great so long without help. We aren't the only ones though. Love from both Edith

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Evanston, July 4

Alma Dear:

Having profitable time here. The Institute of International Relations on the campus of Northwestern University has enrolled nearly 200 teachers, ministers, etc., from many states. I have six appearances. Will try to get out to the fair on Friday for a glimpse. Expect to go to Detroit for Saturday. May reach Black Mountain on Sunday, but possibly not until Monday. Will let you know in due time. Been busy working on World Tomorrow between sessions.

Reinie and Ursula are expecting a Blessed Event in October! She is being protected with much care - cannot ride in auto, etc.

Cannot restrain my desire to get back to the cabin - snorts from a certain direction!

Heaps of love

Kirby

Asked Jess to deposit a check.

2901 Southmore Boulevard
Houston, Texas, July 5th, 1934

Dear Kirby and Alma:

Mother capitulated yesterday, the glorious 4th. It has been a hectic week, with Mother complaining and objecting to everything. She has insisted that she be alone on a little farm, some 35 or 50 miles out of Houston - but that's impossible so could not agree to it. She has persistently refused to go anywhere, or to see anyone in our home. I did get her over to see Perry and Edith couple of hours last Sunday morning but she was right back in her room immediately. Yesterday morning I asked her to get on her togs and go riding with me, out in the country, as I had a holiday. Norma had a negro washing clothes and ironing them so could not get away. We drove out north of Houston and looked at small 2 and 3-room houses on acre of ground, etc., but she was dismayed because there were no stores handy, said she could not even dig in that hard soil, no mail boxes, etc., to which I added that even if she got her garden planted there was no way to water it, and called attention to the fact that nearly everything is parched to a cinder. She decided there was nothing around the City that she could use, so wanted to take a bus alone and go sightseeing. I could not consent. An afternoon or two before we had been looking at some little houses she saw advertised for rent, one on Yale St. in Heights and another on Oxford Street. They were hot, dirty, crying children everywhere, no garden spot, prices too high, so she gave up finding anything. Norma went to see a woman about a housekeeping job, as her husband is away for 7 months, but she had made arrangements that day. We had showed Mother the place we picked out for her, but she would not agree to it. So, it was a deadlock - with Mother unwilling to remain in our home and unable to find anything she would accept. The straw that turned the tide was the fact that while we were out riding in the country, Norma put Mother's dirty clothes in the wash and had the Negro girl wash them out. Mother blew up when she saw what had been done, declared she would not remain in our home any longer, and asked me if I would see about getting the place we had selected, ready for her to occupy. So I drove over alone and negotiated a deal, whereby the couple reduced their rental price from $16.50 to $15.00 monthly, including water, lights, gas for cooking and heating, garden spot, privilege of washing and ironing her clothes, use a radio if she desires. The location is a little less than 2 miles southeast of our home, in the Southland addition, 6405 Peerless Street, in the John H. Marr home, Route 3, Box 427, Houston, Texas. The rural mail box is about 3 blocks from the residence on Dixie Drive and Peerless Street. The new O.S.T. road from San Antonio to Beaumont, which short-cuts the route through Houston, is being constructed and will pass within 2 blocks of the Marr home. Mother will have the southeast portion of the home, which faces east. Front porch has a swing, which will be hers, the front room juts out with a door from the porch, which will be Mother's entrance. This front room will be the bedroom, immediately back of it is a room to be

(Furnished)

used for kitchen and dining room. Immediately back of this is the bathroom, with toilet, hot and cold water, basin and bath tub. Doors from Mother's bedroom and kitchen into their living room will be locked permanently, so Mother will be off to herself. They are getting kitchen utensils and dishes, cleaning up a two-burner gas plate, that has a good oven. Two tables in kitchen, congoleum rug on floor, three large closets, one of which will be a pantry. Kitchen has two windows and bedroom has 4 windows, 2 in front and 2 on the south side. No telephone, but can dispense with it temporarily. No sink in kitchen but Mother says table, bucket, dishpan, etc., will be okay as it is adjoining running water in the bathroom. No ice-box, but Mother says she would not use ice if a box was handy. The Marrs have a new gas refrigerator and she may arrange with them to put her butter and eggs in that box, but I doubt it. Anyway, as it is, Mother says it is much too nice, and far too expensive for her. But to get away from our home, where she is perfectly miserable, she ~~xxxxx~~ said she would take it. The back of the house is to Peerless St., lot is about 150' deep and front picket fence faces out on prairie with nothing in front for half a mile but grazing land. The Marr place is about 200' on Peerless by 150' or 175' deep, with corner on Peerless cut out for little 4-room bungalow, which is rented. The remainder is under fence, with cement borders everywhere for driveway, flower-beds, etc. A large garden spot is under fence and Mother is free to use as much ground as she pleases. Flower beds, fruit trees, abound and it is an unusually nice place out in the country almost, at the edge of Houston. No bus service, no streetcars. I can drive it from our home in 5 minutes, so it will be easy to keep in touch with Mother, shop groceries for her, and to run by and pick her up occasionally for auto ride. We will get down to Galveston beach, Sylvan Beach now and then, if we can ever pry Mother out of her apartment. Mother states she will never take another long automobile ride though, too exhausting and takes too long to recuperate. Says she's too old for such jaunts. I plan to have the Chronicle delivered daily for Mother, if she will permit it. It has occurred to me that a small radio might serve to while away the hours for Mother, but at this time she is unwilling to have the money spent on it. Don't know what future will develop, but am glad this much is getting settled, even if it is not permanently sure. The place will be ready for occupancy the 6th, as an archway has to be cut connecting the bedroom with the kitchen. Heretofore both rooms have been used as bedrooms, with entrance from living room. Mother's feather-bed is here and she is rarin' to go from our home into her own apartment. Made out her grocery list and I will shop for her Friday morning. So you may address her: Route 3, Box 427, Houston, Texas.

Weather unusually hot, awfully dry, things literally burning up. Cattle being killed and sold, much distress at present and more ahead. The 7 years of trouble seems to be rapidly approaching.

We are head over heels in work and accumulated duties. Only the Lord knows what is ahead for us, but we trust Him through thick and thin. Hope things are pleasant with you.

Lovingly, Jack

2412 Blodgett
July 6th

Dear Kirby:

We spent yesterday evening with mother and Leak and Norma.

I had been wondering if Perry had written you for money lately, so I asked Leak if he knew anything about it.

He said that you said you had sent him money - I don't know how much - and that you told him you couldn't let him have any more.

That is the reason, of course, why he didn't want to write you this time. I don't understand why he let me write.

Please believe me, I didn't know anything about it - I surely wouldn't have written you if I had known.

I'm quite sure that there is lots I don't know about his affairs, but I don't know what I can do about it.

Please, if you ever do let him have money again send it to our home address so I will know. He won't tell me unless he just can't get out of it. And I really do think I have a right to know.

We will just have to get out of this the best way we can. Other people have moved out owing rent and we can do the same.

I know just how you feel, Kirby. It's much too much. I'm very, very sorry.

As Ever
Edith

Yesterday 15c for rooms

Moncton July 6

Kiddy Dear – Leah found two rooms for me – in house with old couple – every thing & myself except the bath & toilet will go in today, its two miles N.E. of Leah & he says much cooler – prairie – in Southland addition – but not many houses – two blocks to mail box – & four to grocery store – Percy & Edith came for supper last night. he works part time –

I have not suffered with heat but its still awful dry – no rain since we left Black Mountain we saw the effects of storm – through Bulfport – & New Iberia – hundreds of the giant oaks laid low – hope I get to see you – & the young people, Alma –

Love Mother –

July 9, 1942

Dear Homeward wendingers –

Glad to hear from you. Sorry I'm in such a rut I can't even write my own parents. Thanks for the shirts and stockings – come in very handy. That seems an awful lot to pay for the tires – but naturally we'll accept them with great pleasure.

Things here are about as usual – tho I was a

widow for a week while Walt was at Camp. But I see more of him now that schools out and lots of the clubs are washed up for the summer.

The Institute is on now - so we're going down tomorrow morning to catch Harold Chance - and then stay over the week-end. They were dashing off to Redlands tomorrow night with Ben to see the "Barber" again. Kay will be there with a gang too. Incidentally since his date for our anniversary - at the Coconut Grove - with the girl Margie is living with - he's been seeing a lot of her. Nice that he finally found someone close that he could date. They live in Fullerton now - Margie works

at Douglas. Incidentally Epsie - (the girl) lived at 99 Claremont when we were at 620 with Betty. Her Dad was a Chinese missionary.

FOR groups going pretty well - were hunting a group of San Dimas down for a coach. And - Swim & friends.

Judy gets into everything now - but she gets out of it. It's a good thing she had go out on her ear - what a headache sometimes.

Just wait till you see her - well we are the 8th O.K. I guess. Till then

Love - Walt Mary & Judy

Houston July 15th

Alma Dear your letter arrived to day - I am holding my own - but no more - Leak moved me here last Friday the 6th - there are two good sized rooms - one front - other opening into bath room - I get water in there too - gas stove - electric light - one closet for groceries - two for clothes - bed - dresser & table in bed room - the house is quite a step from the front - the back way - must be 150 ft to first house on my side - nice & quiet cool too - and many houses in this - Southland addition - mail box two or three blocks - but some one always brings mail to the old couple - & mine with it - Lady not near as old as myself - but man partly paralyzed - does nothing at all - Leak brought P & E out last night for a little while - he brings every thing I need; no Alma - I cannot go

to League City - do not want to go anywhere - am so homesick, & miserable wish I could die - no use to send quilts now - why not put them on back seat - & set on them, as you come down - not much weight - & some one could lie down - yes - those squirrels got in the corn meal I put a strip of screen wire across - but it would not stay - Norma left a bag of pecans and one night - & they stole a lot of them -

- no rain yet - just a shower here & there - nothing much made - love to all - Mother

Wed 11th rained a little - so I never mind to mail this - Kirby's letter came today - & are all right - Mother

Houston Texas
July 12th

Dear Kirby and Alma:

Thanks so much for the check, but would rather not except it. Perry does not even know that it came.

You see, I was in a sort of panic when I first wrote you. I didn't know that people could just move out owing two months rent - any way, thats some thing we have never done before.

Perry told mr Hewitt (the land-lord) that he would pay him when he could. I'm quite sure that he will be more apt to pay him than he would you. So it is better this way.

I have been looking for something cheap and yet decent. Haven't found any thing yet, but must find some thing today. Will have to take two housekeeping rooms I guess.

We have only been out to see mother once since she moved.

Leak goes out most every day but he goes early, before we can get away. And we have no other way of going.

I don't know what to do with the piano. Cant sell it. And these little apartments cant accommodate one of that size. May be able to get some friend to keep it for me. Most of them already have pianos though.

Thanks again, Kirby. It was kind of you.

Love to all
Edith

2901 Southmore Boulevard
Houston, Texas, July 13, 1934

Dear Kirby and Alma:

It's Friday, the 13th, but I do not deem it unlucky.

Mother is doing right well - better than we expected - in her new home. She is not perfectly satisfied but is seeming to settle down for the present month. Hoping, it may be, to move when her month is up. I have tried to see her every day at the outside, until she gets accustomed to her bewildering surroundings. I missed one day because I was out of town, will miss tonight, for it is class night. Norma goes out with me when she can and Perry and Edith went along once. We had them in our home for supper a night or two before Mother left us, also. Mr. Godchaux, with whom I am associated in business, loaned me a small radio, which is working beautifully in Mother's apartment. It required no aerial or ground-wire, merely plug into a light socket. Since is was a loan and required no outlay of money, Mother is using it and it ought to help to pass the time. I subscribed to the Chronicle, daily and Sunday, for Mother, she gets Collier's weekly, we took her several books and a number of magazines, so she has something to read all the time. I took the large print New Testament of Mr. Murry's that we salvaged out of the dismantlement at Lufkin, and she appreciates it. She has been reading her Bible and studying some books we laid out for her to read. I got her some quilting frames and she is working away on a quilt. Says she has two ready to quilt and material on hand for two more. I was talking to Mr. Godchaux about Mother and he has inquired daily almost as to how she was getting on. Yesterday he told me he would take a couple of her quilts at $6.50 each, if I wanted to sell them. Of course, I accepted. Mother was delighted for it will give her something to do and also permit her to get back the money she has tied up in the quilt materials. He further stated that he would take five more quilts, one every 3 or 4 weeks, at the same price, making seven in all. Mother is to select the patterns, colors, and materials. He wants them for covering, has three boys and a baby girl, has been renting furnished homes but next month is moving into unfurnished place and will need a quantity of his own bedding this winter. I told Mother not to push herself, just work a little now and then when she felt like it, and hope this will get the idea out of her head that she has to get out and look for work, which she admits she is unable to do if she has a position. So things may work out fairly well yet. I ordered a pint of milk delivered daily to Mother's apartment. She orders groceries occasionally in little dabs. I get these to her promptly and then supplement with items I think she can enjoy and which she would not order herself. I took some okra,

squash, cinnamon rolls, plums, peaches, oranges, lemons, apples, assorted candy, roasting ears at various times so she will not be inadequately provided for in her almost insane desire to avoid spending money or providing comfortably for herself. It is exceedingly difficult to do for her.

Norma was glad to receive Alma's letter. I do not suppose Mother will ever consent to visit League City though, but it is up to her. We will take her anytime she will go but she refuses to go to Church on Sunday morning with Mrs. Marr and does not want to go riding with us so far. I am watchfully waiting for her to express some desires. Keep on writing Mother when you feel like it as the mail-box is one of the few things she is interested in - and letters from Mary and Kirby, Jr., would add immensely to her pleasure.

We are busy as can be with many irons in the fire, hoping to keep body and soul together from week to week until the Lord comes. Business is increasingly difficult with the foundations being undermined continually. A crash is inevitable, in business as well as government. The apostasy is increasing by leaps and bounds and spiritual values are fast disappearing from the earth. People's hearts are failing them for fear as they look at the things coming to pass on the earth - even as the Saviour foreknew. The hidden hand continues to succeed with its age-old program of wrecking civilization, even though but few are aware of what is going on. The majority are pawns on the great chess-board and know not the masters' moves. This applies to Jew and Gentile, although the Gentiles are the biggest fools, and nothing can stay the hands of the internationalists. I wish I was free to sit down and discuss dispassionately world affairs with you. I often wonder if you know as much about the program as I do, and whether you are merely a tool of certain interests, or on the inside. Judging from what I have learned, you ought to be in the inner circle but I often wonder if you really know as much as I think you should. Be that as it may, you are due for a great fall and awakening some of these days. I pray God it may not come too late.

Norma will write some of these days and Mother has just written Alma a letter. We hope you are all well and getting a good rest in those wonderful mountains. We are glad to have been there and to have seen certain things.

Lovingly,

Lenk

aug 23 - '34.

Darling:

We had a family reunion and picnic supper last night at Leak's house. We were all there except you. We went by for Edith and Perry and brought them back home again. We are somewhat hampered by not having our car, but John has put his at our disposal while we are here. However, we don't like to use someone else's car. Last night is the only time we have had it out ourselves. We all used it Monday, when we took our car in, and Tuesday we all, (Johnnie & John) went to Galveston and Mary jumped in the waves. There were plenty of them, and she wasn't accustomed to swimming in them.

I drew a check in Houma La (the 18th, I think) to Pellegrins Garage for $36.56 I am not sure about the cents. Ludwigs have paid rent for July and August, $100. I may have to cash them to make payment for repairs if the ck from insurance doesn't come through in time.

Heaps and heaps love.

Ever your own
Alma.

Aug 31st

Kirby Dear – read your letter yesterday – always glad – have not needed any money – Leak pays my rent – He & Mama are out of the City for a few days – so I went on a rampage yesterday – took in the dome section – Bus rides – lunch & all – it must be more than a mile to the end of Bus line out here – so walking there, & back just about fixed me – sick headache and every thing – stiff & sore to day know you will all have a fine time

Love to all Mother

Sept 7 1934
League City

Dear Alma + Family

I guess it will be all right for me to send my letter on just to Whittier. we are glad that you all got there all O.K. hope you have a place by now. we have had a little weather since you left - but today we are hot and dry too, but this evening is cloudy. there is something in the paper about another storm, Johnnie and John are in town this evening Bobbie has been with us since Sunday. she is getting better

she looked so bad I did not want them to leave her her. but she wanted to stay so bad, now I am glad she did stay she went in to Houston with Johnnie & John this evening.

I received a long letter from cousin today, they they have a new addition to their family & H. has a horse that he bought some time ago and it has a colt, they are all wild about it even uncle Al, we had the yarden ploughed and Johnnie planted a few things, I planted some of those little onions that Johnnie had in the kitchen. I got busy this morning and made me some cookies without raisins or nuts, I just wanted them, write me a long letter and let me know what you are doing and how you are getting along lots of love

Lovingly

Mother

Sept 17,

Dear Dad:

Well, things are finally on their way and the frosh both have their cap or bib and the little handbooks called the bible. Mary passed the English but Kay has to take his over. They had to change up their schedule a little but I will let them tell you about that.

Mary was talking to another girl and got the bright idea that she ask if it made any difference being a minister's daughter, and it seems it did, and there is not as much remaining to be paid, but I don't have the exact amount now as the music will have to be counted on.

Gale Seaman called up and then wrote and we are go out to see them and the UCLA on the afternoon of the 29th. The Chevertons called, but I didn't go to church yesterday because I had a headache. Think I took too much glandular stuff. Was feeling grand. OK now.

They went to the formal dance Friday night, and I must say that Kay didn't let any grass grow under his feet. He is not going to wait for the girls to come after him. He picked out a girl and made a date for the football game and took her home that night. They both seemed to have a good time and also over the week end at the freshman retreat. The dog and I had the house to ourselves.

We have things straightened up now and the house looks as it should. It keeps me busy getting something to eat together and washing dishes.

I am to go to some sort of a missionary gathering with some of the church folks tomorrow afternoon. Someone calls up every now and them wanting to get in touch with you.

Oh yes, the Friends want you for January 2nd. Put that in your little red book. Enclosed are some letters that have come in and one or two I had in the suitcase. Heaps and heaps love,

Ever your own,

Alma.

September 20, 1934

Dearest Alma,

I had a fine time at the Conference of Socialist Christians and met a lot of old friends.

Reinie and Ursula are rejoicing over the coming of the son. You would enjoy being around Reinie and hearing him crow! Ursula is getting along famously.

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I did not get to see Morrison on the way back and am still uncertain about the whole affair. I did talk with Paul Hutchinson and he was strongly opposed to the idea of a special department. I imagine Morrison will turn the thing down. They are, however, apparently eager to have me write a lot for The Christian Century. Paul said I ought to have an article at least once a month. I expect to take this seriously since they have a very wide and important constituency.

I am going out to Wilton today to talk with Devere about the possibility of him becoming one of the secretaries of the F. O. R. I will tell you how it comes out later on.

I expect to spend the next ten days working pretty exclusively on the finishing touches on the new book. Fortunately, my hayfever is much less severe than I had anticipated. The weather is remarkably cool and we may have an early frost. At any rate, I am getting along better than I had feared would be the case. I have secured a room for $10.00 a week at the Allerton House on 39th Street.

I am eagerly awaiting further details about the opening of college.

GEORGE STEWART
76 BROAD STREET
STAMFORD, CONN.

September 20, 1934

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Kirby:

Along with the committee of which I am chairman, I am working every possible lead to find a successor for David Porter. If you have any good ideas I wish you would let me know.

In the meantime, Kirby, would it not be worth while for you and the Administrative Committee of the student division to explore definitely the possibility of your having some relationship to the student movement next year? We might work out some secretarial arrangement which would give you the maximum amount of freedom and the maximum opportunity for your message. Please think this over. Some time in the near future we must get together.

We all felt keenly the loss of "The World Tomorrow". It is one of the martyrs to the situation through which we are all passing.

With deep affection and every good wish I am,

Devotedly yours,

George

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always your own

Kirby

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Dearest Mother,

I got back to New York safely and have been meeting old friends. My hayfever is much less severe than I had believed it would be, and I am working away on the new book.

Last night I had dinner with Betty and Eugene House. They are keeping Mary's piano for another year. Then I may ship it to California. You will remember that I told you there is an upright piano in the house which we have rented.

You had better send your letters here. They will be forwarded quickly. I will be around for the next two weeks and then will be in and out.

Heaps of love.

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ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Sept. 24, 1934.

Dear Kirby:

I was very ill last year and felt so out of things — went to Arizona for five months and came home thru California, I saw J. Stitt Wilson while visiting Ruby Dale Campbell (Mrs. Dr. James Campbell) in Pasadena. She attended Drake in about 1900 & was my first music teacher. She is the center of an Economics Club which meets Wednesdays in her home. I hope you can know her.

This summer Will & I read "Menace of Death", your "Individualism & Socialism" & Eddy's "Russia Today" so I am catching up with things. It is interesting to read about the Liberty League, the Senate Investigation and war propaganda — all in the same newspaper edition, as we are doing daily in Cincinnati.

I am glad to be back at work but am taking things lightly for awhile till I am real strong again. I hope you and the family are all well. California is a hopeful state. I like the west and am looking for relief to the whole nation from that source.

I regret the discontinuance of The World Tomorrow but am glad to read your articles in The Christian Century.

Best wishes to Alma and all.

Mary Roberts Crowley.

P.S. Enola Eno Forsgren of Lucknow, India, visited us this summer. She had had a fibroid tumor removed in N. Y. – not well. Her husband has charge of the Methodist Pub. Co. in India. Miss Ethel Jones, history teacher at Drake, who just returned from Eddy's trip, stopped with me for the Phi Beta Kappa Convention at which she & I were Drake delegates. She is fine & I am glad Drake has her.

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Guess I'll have to start a new sheet. While in Pasadena I met the man who heads the Socialist Party there. His wife is in Ruby Dale Campbell's Economics Club. They are both fine people and if they ever go there Cincinnati I wish they would look us up. What is their name?

Mary.

Houston - 25th Sept

Kirby Dear - I am slow about writing - but waiting to get settled on a place & move to - Norma found one not far from here - its a nice place - with a lady that marks her husband is in Brazil at present - I will have bed room all my own - & share balance of the house with her - gas - frigadiere - & every thing nice for seven fifty, just half what there rooms cost - I will be alone all day except Sunday there is a nice garden spot too & in one block Bus line - here it is over a mile, I do so dread to be among strangers - over

nothing from any of the folks
yet - awful hung I suppose -
Kirby - I tore up the check
dated July - but have the
one signed - & made out for 25 -
but not dated - shall I cash
it - or do you want to send
me one for ten dollars -
looks like I have to have
some for incidentals - rent
is about all Leah can handle -
that is why I move to a
cheaper place - think it never
alma brought some scraps -
well I spread them together
& have quilted it since she
was here - been a life saver -
I love & want to see you -
Mother

will be mailing about the 10th
do not know number. send to Leah

Sunday Oct 30 R 1 - Box 8 H 3 - Houston -

Kirby Dear - Leak mooved me in here at dark last night - it has been raining all day - I have been putting my clothes away - my health is better - & there is no telling how long I will live - it's that way when there is nothing to live for - no one needs any thing I can do I will only be an expense & trouble God only knows how I am to stand it - wish I could see you every day -

I love you dearly -

Mother

Houston, Sunday - Sept 30th R1 Bx 8 H 3 -

Alma Dear - I have been transfered again - Norma found a better place - at only half the price - Leah moved me last night at dark - to the Foster Place addition - just east of where I was - one block to Bus - but farther from Leahs place - has been raining all day - & cooler - I have a nice bed room - next the bath - but have to cook in the Lady's Kitchen - you see the works & I can do my little bit - after she goes - & before she comes.

Her Husband is in Brazil at present there is a garden. & I might raise something

I hope you, & the young people like your new home - would like to hear about it, if you get time to write - how is your health - do you intend to raise any vegetables - & how do you find living expenses - I have made you a quilt out of your scraps - made like the star pattern that was in the scrap bag, its real pretty, shall I send it on to you

I thought Mary would say something did not expect Kay would -

love to all of you

Mother Merry

October 3, 1934

Dearest Mary:

By this time I suppose you are an old timer. I am eager to get more details about what you are doing. Just what courses are you taking and which of your professors do you find most stimulating? Have you started to swim yet at the "Y"? Are you taking tennis lessons? There are a hundred details that I am eager to get!

In running over some old letters I found several autographers that will be of interest to you. John Oxenham is the author of Hidden Years. Langston Hughes is a well-known negro poet. Mrs. Gilman is the author of The Wolf at the Door. James Welden Johnson is a famous negro writer. Joseph Fon Newton is an outstanding clergyman and Basil Mathews is an author and the biographer of John R. Mott.

I will keep my eye open for further autographs.

Miss Mary Page
240 South Bright Avenue
Whittier, California

League City Tex.
Oct 4, 1934.

Dear Alma & Family.

I am glad that you are all settled and able to take life easy. I am am glad that you will be able to go to church where you are and think how nice it is to have some one to go with you, we are still having some warm weather,

had a little cold spell Sunday
with a big rain but they
did not last so very long.
I believe I told you about
going to the Dr here, rather
I had him to come to see
one but he did not do one
any good so I went in to
see Dr Aman and I think I
am getting some better. I
had him to prescribe for
Johnnie too and he said
the same thing was the
cause of our trouble so we

the same medicine, that was
too much acid stomache, and
John has got his yeast cake
and is taking our medicine
he said he drank a pint of
sweet milk and it did not hurt
him, Wilfred said that he expected
to have to go to Beaumont this
week to do some work there for
the company. John went fishing
to day and caught enough for
us to have a nice mess of
fish, some of my plants that
I put out are trying yet
the grass sure is growing too

I worked some in the garden yesterday and am war tired last night - we have not heard anything more about the oil at Dickenson they are still drilling down there Jim and Wilfred saw Edith one day last week, she has a job now works for Mr Hilton part of the time and for the people that she used to work for, will often and tell me all the news

Lovingly
Mother.

October 6, 1934.

Darling:

Before I forget it let me put in the business part of the letter. The October 1st check to the college amounted to $46.50, including Mary's music. You can put that down in your little check book. Also, some of the magazines sent to you at chicago on your way back to N.Y. missed you and were forwarded on here and we had to pay a dollar to get them. There is a balance of about a dollar and a half still due Mac Donald and I am asking him to get the pillows and pack and send them to me here and send you the final bill or get Jess to give it to him and charge you. Also, I am very muchly afraid that we cannot get along on just the hundred this month. They did not have all their books yet and there is another one not here yet. Also, we are still laying in some stock on things to eat.

Things are going on here about as usual. I feel rather virtuous because I am caught up on my ironing. Mary polished all the silver last night and this morning is cleaning the waffle iron and other things. She shined the kitchen last night. I am putting Kay to cleaning the windows this morning. He has just come back from taking me to the stores. Sometimes they are real good about helping and sometimes they are not, but there really isn't so much to be done anyway. They are going to another Football game today. I have been kept amused by the ladies of the church. They visit me and take me to meetings and generally occupied. In between times I try to do a little sewing, but have only succeeded in making one blouse and some patching.

The dog surely is growing. He is learning things too. He knows he musn't follow them to school, and when they tell him to go back, he runs and gets under the bed so he will not be tempted. One day he decided he would go out and see if he could follow Mary, but I put him in the pen and he hasn't tried since. He is not much reconciled to the pen yet. I feed him about four in the afternoon and let him out just before we go to bed, and he is good until we get up in the morning. He knows what is meant when I say Mary is coming or Kirby is coming, and he knows what time they should be back from their early classes and is ready to go meet them. He can push the screen door open himself. When he is in the pen and barks I just go out on the porch and in a low voice tell him to go in the box and keep quiet and he gets in his box, for a while. We got some flea soap, and he isn't scratching all the time now. The other night he was lying down and started to put his foot up and scratch his head, and then must have decided he didn't need to, and instead put it in his mouth. He is the craziest thing you ever saw when he chases his tail.

I am beginning to think that the middle of December is an awfully long time off. Take good care of yourself. Heaps and heaps love then lots more,

Ever always,

Alma

Great Cacapon W.Va.
Oct. 10 1934

Dr. Page

Dear friend

You met Mrs. Hinkle and I at Massanetta Springs in August Past. We have thoroughly enjoyed your book Personality of Jesus and shall never forget your lectures and dynamic personality. I used your material in my sermons with good results.

We want to distribute your books if we can get a reduction on them. Let me know at once.

We are moved to Riverton, W. Va. by the Conference and we have invitations to give the Life of Christ as we spoke to you of doing. We can test out our plan this year.

I once interviewed Dr. Nichols (not Phys.) in your town; your Y.M.C.A. secretary and the College authorities - it is my favorite College and I was very glad to hear of your children ~~are~~ attending it - it's like it was in 1930.

We will describe our new home later

Sincerely J. R. Hinkle

Oct. 12, 1912

Dear Pop

As is generally the case, when I write I usually want something. As you know, when I took my racquet to be strung and the man said it was sprung. Well I gave it to Mary and took yours, now a couple strings are broken in my old one and there is no use restringing it. So I guess you had better get a new one at Alex Taylor. Get one something like the other one but with a little thicker throat, get a good one. I am not in a tennis class but I play a good deal

K.

October 15, 1934.

Mrs. Isabella Murray,
Route 1, Box 843,
Houston, Texas

Dearest Mother:

It was good to get your note the other morning and I am delighted to know that you like the new place much better. I hope that you are able to spend much time out of doors.

I got back Thursday morning from a tour of several colleges in Pennsylvania where I had a great time.

Alma writes most encouraging letters from California. They seem to be well settled and to be enjoying life to the full.

I am now reading proof on the new book and I am quite excited about it. A copy should reach you in about a month from now.

Wed Oct 17 –

Alma Dear, I will start your quilt to day – that is if the carrier will take it. hope it arrives safely –

Mary – I think I was seven – or maybe eight years old when Mother bought the doll for me – so you see she is over sixty –

Alma – you just think I don't like avocados – they are about the best of any fruit – but I do not eat them now – 5¢ each here – this is no good garden land – black & sticky – either too wet, or too dry hard to work – bermuda grass all over – some turnips, mustard, carrots & beets up – nothing but lumps to cover seed with – love to all. Mother

Oct 18, 34

Darling:

Enclosed are a couple of letters. Also my bill from Asia. Please make out a check right away and send it on for me and you can take it out of next month's check. I cashed the last check and took a part of it to start a savings account and now find that I can't spare as much as $6. The savings account will save me having to pay 25 cents a hundred to get checks cashed too. I would rather have my checks in two portions too. Make the one for the first a hundred and the next one for fifty. You can date them both the first and send them at once and then I will not have to cash the second one until I need it. I would rather have it that way than all in one as it means too much money around at once.

We had our first big rain yesterday. It rained all night the night before and all day and part of last night and a big shower this morning. What I mean is it rained.

Otherwise, everything is as usual. Just two months more now until you can get back here with us again. I shall have to get to work now and do some shopping and then get to ironing and finish the work on the week's wash. You know it is not finished until it is ironed.

Heaps and heaps love, then some,

Ever always,

Alma

Box 64
League City Tex
October 19, 1934

Dear Pages-

Guess the brats think I'm terribly lazy not to send to cookie recipe sooner but kindly inform them that I am not half as lazy as they are. I haven't seen their distinguished penmanship on any letters coming this way. Guess they spend all their efforts writing to their best-beloveds back in the old country.

I wrote the big recipe on one side of the card and the half recipe on the other. You don't have to beat the eggs, just dump 'em in.

We can't buy fruit and vegetables as cheap as you can but we can go out into the back yard and get fresh string beans and turnip greens. The rest of the garden isn't big enough to pluck yet. But it is growing fast.

If you ever come this way bring me a couple of small orange trees. They can't be shipped in here. I didn't know they grew Valencia oranges in California until recently. Aren't the California oranges supposed to be hardier than these Satsumas?

What are the little darlings studying. Did Kay get in a little zoology for recreation or would it hurt his feelings to have to cut up the cute little frogs and earthworms? I sure had a terrible time trying to keep from putting my hands on the things when I cut them up. And I still made 93 on lab. that term.

Mrs Newman says you don't write as quick as she does. I think she's dying to write now but she's got to wait awhile

to uphold her dignity!

John has been trying to build a dog house! We are likely to acquire the mutt that some guy willed to him. He's an ugly cuss but seems to be a good watch dog. And I guess we need such an animal the way folks go around stealing tires and other things.

Hope you are progressing happily.

Johnnie.

My penmanship looks as bad as some other that I have seen not so recently!

Houston Oct 21st

Dear Kirby – I am lonesome – & homesick – fit to kill the day – Sunday is always the worst – I have not seen – or heard from Jeak & Norma in ten days – think she is just mad – he cannot call his soul his own – its simply awful – you must not say anything, it will only add to his burdens – I do not know how long you will be in Houston but I do hope you will not go there for a meal – or to stay over-night, she will raise fuss I have no place to keep you – to my home – overnight but you can come to see me if I am still here – I want to get away from about Houston – will try to get some place up toward Lufkin – what I want to know – does a friend 'open my letters – please do not write to Jeak about money I have plenty of every thing, & he does the best he can. trust & write me – but no use to rush by air

love Mother.

Nov 3 - 1934.

Darling:

The boy and some cronies have gone to San Diego to a football game and Mary is sewing on a new velveteen suit to make her swankier still. Am sending along a couple of letters. Copy of one from Stella Sculock came here but suppose you got the original at N.Y.

I wrote Mr. Crosbie direct and at long last got the ins. money direct from him. It was 177.39 and I put 150 in the bank and kept out the rest as Kay needed some things in the way of clothes.

It is cool here every morning and we usually need a fire for a while, sometimes almost all day. The dog grows fast and is rather intelligent, in fact, we think he is rather a nice dog, and he thinks he is a special member of the family. Heaps and heaps love then some more.

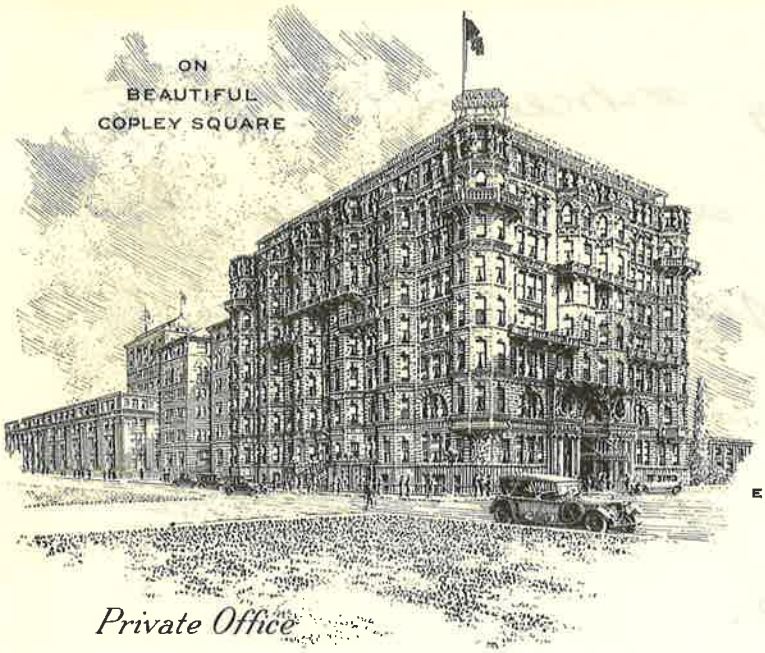
always your own
alma

Houston Nov 1st

Kirby Dear – I am getting along all right – still dry & warm here, rec'd the two books – last week – & yesterday – Mr Eddy's – they will keep me going quite a while – thanks – this lady brings them out for me – she works for the Light Co – & her husband is now a boss at C.C.C. camp near Fort Worth – see Leah about once a week – Perry not at all – he is on duty every day, Edith works too – they are always in a dread that he will loose his job – letter from Alma

hope all is well with you –

love from Mother



HOTEL
WESTMINSTER
COPLEY SQUARE
BOSTON

EMILE F. COULON & SONS
PROPS. & MGRS.

Private Office

Nov. 8

Sweetheart:

am on my way to Univ. of Maine where I am speaking on military training. Then I go to forum in Bangor & on to student conference at Univ. of New Hampshire.

Feeling grand!

Spoke at Wellesley last night. You will remember that I told you about Betty Mather who was to have been married & resided in California. Their engagement was broken after wedding announcements were out. Had a long talk with her last night.

The first copies of the new book are to be ready next Tuesday.

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am writing a long article on Property, which may become a pamphlet. am going to do more pamphlets from now on.

am scheduled to speak at Whittier chapel on Jan 3rd.

San Diego Forum on Sunday evening Dec. 30 - after returning from Asilomar.

I love you!

I love you!

Kirby

Nov. 13, 1934.

Darling:

Taken care of JM

It seems that the N.Y.Times is sending us two copies of the Sunday Times, and there is a slight difference in the figures on the address. Is the mistake theirs or did you send in twice by mistake. Please correct this.

Next, Does the World Call still come to you, if so, will you have it transferred to this address as I need itfor the missionary society.

Thanks for sending on the Asia subscription. And Mary's shoes. What she really wanted was the white leather ones and they sent keds, but they fit and she says they will be all right.

Do tell me how many tennis balls should be allowed to Kay. Seems to me he wants new balls every couple of weeks, or about three weeks. He also says he is going to have to get his racket re-strung. He plays a lot and he plays hard, but it does seem to be sort of an expensive business. And, Mary had to pay about four dollars for a gym suit.

Today is dull and foggy. The mornings are mostly foggy and usually the sun comes out by noon. Maybe it will peep through this afternoon some time. It is rather cool and we need a little heat most of the day..

Mary and I finished the velveteen suit in time for her to wear it to the game Saturday and it looked rather nifty and she had a velvet tam already. Now we have to make a red plaid blouse to go with it for nice. Some of these days I shall get busy and make a dress for myself. Not that I need one, oh no, but the other ones I have are about to come apart with old age.

Got the biography of Sherwood and the Oxenham book. Like both. Some time when you are sending books you might send along a bible with good print. All we have here is one Mary had and the print is terribly small and it is the old version.

Oh yes, I nearly forgot to tell you, the fruit cakes are made for the holidays. I shall do all I can to protect them until that time gets here. I must run along now. This is my afternoon off and if I don't get started I will miss some of it.

Heaps and heaps love,

Ever always,

ALLERTON · HOUSE
143 East 39th Street
NEW YORK

Saturday, November 17

Sweetheart:

Am I hungry for a sight of you! It seems ages and ages since I saw you at the station.

In a few moments I am off for Peoria, Illinois, Cincinnati, and Chicago. On Tuesday and Wednesday I will be at the Hotel Morrison, Chicago; on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the North Shore Hotel, Evanston, Ill., and on the 25th, 26th and 27th - through Tuesday again at Hotel Morrison, Chicago. Airmail letters should reach me in 24 hours.

The first copies of Living Triumphantly arrived yesterday. Your copies should reach you soon. The $1 edition will be ready for delivery about December 20th. Am eager to get your impression and that of the freshmen.

Am feeling fine and dandy - and hope you are the same!

Love and kisses,

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

Nov 19, 1934.

Darling:

First, before I forget to mention it, Is Sherwood coming back this way? and would he stop off here? Also, I imagine that the school would be tickled to get hold of him if he comes this way. You remember that they have chapel on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

They have had evenggelistic services at the church for three weeks led by Kellems, I think it is Jesse Randolph Kellems. I have heard three of his sermons on Sunday mornings. I didn't care so much for them and the one Armistice day was atrocious. He certainly missed his opportunity and came nearer being an out and out militarist. He certainly left no impression of thought or anything but goodwill for warriors behind. Cheverton could have done much better. However, the people seem to have liked the rest of the sermons pretty well from what they said and they have gained some new members, but not as many as they expected.

Say, do I rate a real letter some of these days? The clippings are interesting and I like to get the news from other people's letters but I also like to get regular letters too.

Mary and I went in to L.A. Saturday to look around some and also saw Joe Penner in College Rythm. Mary got a pair of shoes and looked for an evening wrap. The time has come when she must have an evening wrap and I shall have to take some money out to get it. As a matter of fact, with shoes and stationery, I am going to run behind this month anyway. Also I want to send $5.00 to Elsie and George Garden in Hyderabad. They probably need it desperately and we can get along without that much.

Have you been keeping tab on the date? Do you notice that it is only a month now until you will be with us? By the way, you might send me a schedule of your route this way and when you leave New York. The time really isn't far off now.

Oh yes, how do you like the new stationery? It was Mary's idea to get it this form instead of the other. Also I approved of it. Kay has fixed up a new rigging for playing ping-pong. They use the dining room table with the leaves in it. Kay has rigged up some side boards. From what I can gather he is not now playing football but is the manager for the freshmen and furnishes the transportation to most of the out of city games. I think the boys chip in and help pay for the gas.

Heaps and heaps and heaps of love. Choto and I will try our best to be good until you get here.

Ever always,

your own,

Alma

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

November 20, 1934.

Darling:

I mailed a letter to New York yesterday just before I got yours giving your schedule around Chicago. We shall be glad to have you dropping in on us before long now, and any time you get ready to have me meet you just send along a wire and I shall be there, or at least as far as Pasadena. I am not so sure I want to come as far as S.F. to meet you because I am afraid I would freeze to death. It was good and cold here this morning, but the sun is shining now after about four days cloudy weather with rains two or three nights.

Mrs. Warner has now gone up to Berkeley to see her other daughter and will stay until she is out for Christmas. U.C. has a whole month at Christmas time and no Easter vacation. They will probably be back here by the time you get here. Mrs. Johnson, is staying on upstairs alone. She is living with Mrs. Warner.

I'll get back to my buttonholes now and finish up the dress for Mary. Heaps and heaps of love then some more,

Ever Always your own,

Alma.

Thanks the book is fine

Friday – Nov 30 –

Kirby Dear, you may get this before you start South & come out here you have to catch a Foster Place Bus – starts from city station fifteen minutes past nine A. M. or fifteen past three in afternoon – then again – past five – we are six or seven miles out, you want to get off at gate main entrance to Foster Place, & not when you see the first sign as you turn off Dixie ave – we are the first house to right when you get off x yellow brick.

Jack & Norma asked me to dinner yesterday they had her folks, so I never went, it was a cold stormy day. Mr Hatfield is home I might fix for you overnight, Love, Mother

R C
B+8A3

Houston Nov 12 – it is a pretty pattern, do Anna Dear – your letter not know if I can quilt need but you a tiff never it here – the room is small paid if you get the quilt & I so high tooted bed will I have worried about it. finish it soon as I can try & remember I telephone you talk foolish when you if man insured for five dollars day pay me, after all you I wind & the stores here & have done for me – get cloth for your quilt and it quite cool & day – had found no nice dark green, & light the gas – so I ordered oil from Sears which do you have for head hope it will be right, love & all, Mother

Dec 3.

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

Darling:

The bad weather in the East held up the mail and it came by train. I received your letter of 26th the day after Thanksgiving. Did not get check ~~Sat~~ Saturday and as Mary and I had to do some shopping we went to cash a check and Bank closed at 12 instead of 12:30 as I thought. we were 2 minutes late, so as we had to get things for Friday got college to cash ck for $25.00 and drew it on N.Y. Bank, dated Dec 2.

Believe it or not I have actually completed myself a new dress that is decent to wear, in spite of headaches and Thanksgiving, etc. No headache Thanksgiving though, and we had turkey as it was same price as chicken and we got a small hen 1.93 we still have some creamed turk for lunch.

We shall be at Alhambra at 6.55 on the 14th All. And how

Love love
your own
alma.

Dec. 8, 1934.

Darling:

Well, I am certainly glad you are so near home and you can bet your boots and bottom dollar that we will be at Alhambra on time. I will set the old alarm clock and get the kids up and get off from here on time and we will be there waiting for you. They will be out of school later that day and you can just bet that we are going to have quite a time of it around this place. Not that there isn't something going on pretty much of the time anyway.

Susie is worrying for fear she won't get to see you, and you might call her up and arrange to see her. The phone number is League City 5381. If you go out there, you might take Edith with you, and your mother if she will go. Susie is pretty much worried about Billie's family, and she may be quite a bit upset. Be sure to let her know how to get to Mother Murry's house so that if she gets a chance some day she can go by and see her.

Will you please get me about five pounds, but rather ten pounds of shelled pecans from Henke and bring along with you. They are about half what they are here and since you are coming it will not cost anything to bring them along, and we need them for putting in cookies, etc. There is very, very much more need for them here than there was in New York, as I have to keep the cookie jar filled all the time and it makes them much nicer with pecans in them. I imagine they are cheaper at Henke than the A&P as they have been in years past. The broken ones may be cheaper than the halves, and get most of them the broken ones if they are cheaper. They will last me for the year, or until the summer time comes. Now you remember this please.

Well, I'll finish this out in talking when you get here. I want to stop and eat something now. So you just take care of yourself and get here on time.

Always your own,

Alma

Houston Dec 25th

Dear People – all well here I thought I was going to have a glorious time this Xmas – crying & being miserable generally – but have been interrupted so much – Sunday night these people had a dinner, & Bridge party for eight – took all day to get ready – so I left on the Bus at ten – Library Park – & bumming around – went to raining, & I came home at four – at eight thirty they finished eating – so I climbed out a window – (my room opens in to the living room) went round to the Kitchen, & washed the dishes, & cleaned up every thing – much better than listening to them chatter

yesterday Leah came with a load of good things to eat – all of Norma's bunch are there to day – card from P & E – but not even a call – I cooked the turkey

for Mrs Hotfield – it was this way
they went out early this morning to
the Big Boss. to drink egg nog. no breakfast
came back at eleven drunk as Lords –
she fell in the door & almost broke
a leg – they vomited much – I made coffee –
they asked me to cook the turkey – &
went to sleep – at three company came –
they dressed & went out with them –
to night there will be a bunch for
dinner – more drinking I expect –
one cannot think seriously with all that
noise – but there is no place I can go –
have magazines to read – & fruit to eat –
hope you have all been well
& happy – love from
Mother

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Asilomar, Dec 27

Dearest:

made the opening address last evening on Freedom in the Modern World. Splendid reference. The conference is larger than usual.

There are two trains arriving on Sunday morning at the So. Pacific - 8:15 and 9:00. Am not yet sure that I can leave early enough to catch the earlier one. Suppose you plan to meet me at 8:45 or 9:00. If I get in early, will get a cup of coffee & read the paper.

Telegraph me if urgent matters arise.

Lovingly
Kirby

I'm dying to see you. —

Dearest Sis and Joe,

Have you heard from Janie yet? I doubt it — she's terrible about writing — anyway she's coming up on the train this Sat. or something. Anyway she's not coming up with you-all.

By the way Mother — when you come up have about 8 feet — or 8 feet of ruffle — about an inch wide. I'm going to slit the sleeves in two places and put a ruffle around the slits — because there isn't enough puff in the sleeves of the jacket. Do you think you could have it all ready so that I could just put it on? I hope so. And for heaven's sake — tell me a few of the things I've asked you to — no one ever seems to notice my repeated inquiries. Dig out a few of my letters and tell me — or maybe it's better repeat them. — By the way — I find I've $10 — back from College Brand — so don't bother to send me my June allowance — tho if you're rolling in dough I could squeeze

It went off swell - I'm sending you a program - (if I remember to put it in.) Afterwards Mr & Mrs Taylor took Ralph and I out as we had a sundae - and then went up to College Hill for a little while. It was swell. Last week the girls had two tennis matches - one with Waffingers Falls - and one with Poughkeepsie High. We won two singles and a double with Waffingers - (all we played) and lost a single and doubles to Poughkeepsie - in fact - if I may boast - I was the only one who won my ~~single~~ match with Poughkeepsie. I didn't loose a set in either of them. We had a baseball game with the Farms the other day - I pitched - and we lost - 25 - 34 - pretty bad - I call it - but then - our one and only game.

See - you'd better hurry up and come to me - Can'd you possibly come up early in the week? I have to separate the sheep from the goats - and I want to send some a little of it - I know you're no tho - so just disregard that last.

How many days are we going to be in New York after Commencement? I hope we're not planning to start back down for a couple of days at least. You see - Ralph wants to know so we can plan to do a few things perhaps.

How late are we going to stay at Blue Ridge this summer - and when are we going out west - for Peter's sake - give a poor girl a break. I'm absolutely dying of curiosity -

May I ask once again if you've seen about the refunds of Holyoke and Swarthmore - you'd better you know - that is if you ever want to see ~~either~~ it again.

Don't mind the way this letters written - I write at intervals cause I have to take time out for the blinking of lights and putting to bed of my kiddies ——— Then too I've been rushing everything so lately I can't get out of the habit.

Last night I gave my recital

stuff home by you and some in the trunk - I'd better get that packed and - freighted down to B.C., hadn't I? How long will it take? If I send it Wed. will that be soon enough? It will come to be I guess.

By the way Dad - give three cheers - I just finished National Defence today - yes really - and I like it fairly - even if I did have to stagger thru parts of it - and try to keep my eyes open late at night through the rest of it. It's damned interesting.

My exams are all thru Tues aft - I did I tell you? - Jane will be here all week - starting Sunday - except she has to leave Thurs - but she rather thinks it's best that way - cause it would be damn hard for her - poor kid. I'm glad she's what she is - because I can always keep track of her - through her father - if I ever do happen to lose track of her - which I hope I don't.

Well I'd best to buckle up and put out the lights - and get undressed in the dark now - after dismantling my bed. Love, many -

Dear Alma & Children:- I have a letter from Kirby saying you are "settled" in Calif.. That is fine. We will drive down & see you soon.- Mrs. L. & Paul came out in June,- the Household goods came a few days before they did and I had the Parsonage ready for their coming.

Paul went back to his School work in Duffels.- Sept. 1- & we are located here. I have the First Church here and our grove is out from here.

Mrs. L. is in Los Angeles this

week attending a missionary Conference.

I am glad you are out here, Whittier is a nice place to live & I am sure you will like it.

Come & see us — we are so anxious to see you.

Yours,

W. S. Lockhart.

1282 — F St.

San Bernardino, Calif.

Our Phone is 264 — 29.

Dear Alma -

I'm sure you are now basking in the sun of southern California or perhaps you're letting your hair grow an inch - have a lot - and furniture. I wish you success in this business of moving - sure impossible.

We left - 3947 - the same address you did - and have been happily for the hundred nights since. I wish to get the dope from you about the housework before we go back - Am - [illegible]

Kidding to send this via air mail - so write & send back an answer soon - so I'll get it when I arrive Oct 12th or before.

I found the basement in much confusion - because the remaining scum had been evicted - and

your furniture from upstairs was piled (I mean piled) over remaining space. Obviously some arranging needs to take place right soon - and I want to know about the enclosed space. Is it for your furniture? If so we'll arrange it - and we may also arrange to use some of the enclosed space - study for Walter or play space - we always think we'd like to try it - if any one else used your apt - we seem to need more room. I don't want to make any moves - or do any shifting - however until I hear from you - about any arrangements you may have made with the hurries - as soon as I hear - I'll set Mac - and we'll do the old storing stunt.

The garden & yard have gone to "rack & ruin". I'll try & do something with it if I can find time. It would seem that it misses your watchful eye.

they were paving the street - I assumed that the paved street will be fine - but it looks bad for the public garage opposite.

That's practically all I had time to take in - over night -

I've just sent September rent to Kirby.

Hope you had a good summer - and are getting off for a good start in Wilmington - (is that it). For bad you can't write this fall.

Greetings to Mary & Kirby -

As ever

Clarine

Regards from Walter & Corine

Thursday –

Alva – I got the cloth from Sears – the dark puces – could find nothing at Kress, Penny, Woolworth – Columbia – or White House – I am afraid you will not like the colors but its the best I knew – it shows up real well. Cloudy, & cooler to day – had to light the gas – but any way there are scraps to sew now –

love – mother

Monday 15th

Kirby Dear –

there is nothing to say, only that I am well, & all right – staid alone last night the lady went at twelve yesterday, will be back at six to night. Sisk & Norma came a little while Wed night – & Perry called once, over Phone –

your article in paper is good that's, hope all is well with you – love

Mother

Shure.
(How about writing?)

Dearest Dad,

Heaven help us — — —
Guess what! I got a
letter this morning that said —
"It is a pleasure to assure you
of admission to Swarthmore
College next Sept." — if I
pass. College Board Examinations
in — Eng Gp — math A. Latin Gp 3
and the Scholastic Aptitude Test.
Whoopee!!! Don't
tell me this isn't the age
of miracles. And that's
not all — It said
that if I passed these they
would be able to give me a
scholarship of $300.00! Somehow

I'm going to write about. —
And I have to read and
report orally for about 3.0 min in
class on a book for modern
history. Incidentally I
choose National Defence by
a certain Kirby Page. I
don't know whether I'll
live through it or not —
But ——— maybe
you'd better send me an outline
so I'll know what it all
about. Just a rough idea
then I can do it. All I
can do is read words —
not the meaning.
— Got a letter from
Ann. She says this
she will be up to see

Send me your schedule — and when will Mother get home?
Here are when is the Sabbaths a special Sabbath

that makes me feel so old and good.
I'm just swamped in
work — but he gave it
forget it — should I send
a blank I have to fill in
to Holyoke now — or did it
do — I'd better send it in
I guess. — after all I may
not pass those fool tests — they're
hard as the devil and
much harder than Regents.
— what was I saying —
oh — BTW I'm dead
thinking of the work I have
to do. I have to write
a 3000 word theme before I get
home May 23rd and I haven't
started and don't know what

we at Fairville the 28th – I
get there the 23rd (maybe)
Jane is still home. I think
she will be back after
Easter. but she won't be able
to graduate – its tough. –
its about broken her heart,
poor kid, it'll be terrible
for her here next year with
all of her class gone –
she may get to Swarthmore
the next year though.
By the by I could send a
little of what is called "money".
its the first of the month today –
I tell you – I wouldn't probably need
so much if I didn't have a hobby of
metalry which cost like the devil.
I'm doing you the good deed of paying it
out of my allowance – instead of putting
it on the bill. I won't tell you how much it
is – Love – Mary.

Telegram — rec. at 347.

Will you eat dinner at 7:00 with some of us Wednesday 21st. Will meet 6:40 train if agreeable to you. Your arrival in Williamsport is too late for Rev. Shannon. Your lecture begins at 8:30. Answer by Western Union.

Mrs. Walter Rich.

Dearest Dad,

If you're ever home & bet the place is lonely — you're right. Then wait for about two weeks and you'll have some company — wait a couple longer and you'll have almost too much meaning me —.

Mrs Klagon was more excited than I was about Pat's letter. He said that when Pat wanted anything he got it — and that means that I may get there after all. — The thing that worries me is whether or not I'd be able to keep up my work if I had too much to do outside. I suppose I could try. It probably wouldn't be much more strenuous than here — except I'd have to study harder. Lead on Pat's letter if you get another — I'd love to go to Swarthmore —

Jones coming back the 28th I guess — isn't that swell —

Here's the receipt —.

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Friday

Dear Mr. Page:

Here's five dollars towards the fund for Mr. Brown.

None of us can ever repay you for all that you have done.

As ever,

Sophie

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Tues aft

Alma Dear:

Nothing definite yet about W. T. Field is out of city. Talked with Norman today & he has no further suggestions. Chances appear slim!

Having good time at Union.

Sent checks to Macdonald.

Cooler here than it was - but still plenty hot. No hay fever yet.

Lovingly

Kirby

R. C. A. RADIO SPEAKER IN EACH ROOM

SEVEN FLOORS FOR WOMEN

ALLERTON HOTEL
701 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
Chicago,

Enroute Sat aft.

Alma dear:

Pleasant trip. Stayed in air-conditioned lounge car and diner most of time. Am now in air-conditioned Pennsylvania Pullman car.

Had a good visit with Paul Hutchinson of Christian Century. He is doubtful about special department such as we discussed with Miss Marston. Will not be able to see Morrison enroute but will write to him.

1000 ROOMS

Eager to hear about the outcome of the tests in English.

Take turns in telling me lots of details! am lonesome!

Free editorial copy of Christian Century is being sent to us at Whittier. I will have an article in next issue.

Hope the college students of the household are absorbing much wisdom.

Love

Kirby

Had a good talk with Harold Fey about Fellowship.

OAKWOOD

Sun. a.m.

Dearest Folks,

I wonder just what you thought of my last letter. I must admit it was kind of breezy - However I've been thinking a lot about it - and I still want to go there. You're talking coming up the first week end - ? I suppose we can talk about it then.

Took that damn tough about the fool car. Kind of a big jump from 14 to 40 dollars. I only hope and pray that Dad has some kind of luck on Sunday a year - meaning while he's seeing the Hoosiers.

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Sunday - Enroute to Houston

Sweetheart:

It will not be long now!

Friday morning - 6:55 - Alhambra - So. Pacific.

My trunk should reach Los angeles about Wednesday or Thursday. The drayage company can pick it up. Full of books!

Had a grand time at the Dayton conference. Much fun flew! Will tell you about it.

Can hardly wait!!

Your own

Kirby

Thursday _ 23

Kirby Dear _ your two letters rec'd _ yes, the telegram to Mr Watts had stayed here a long time _ I wrote them _

the folks come for awhile Monday, John & Johnnie were with them. last night we all met for supper at Leaks _ had a nice time, & all wished you could have been there. Jr was a regular ladies man _ & Mary sweet _ as always. I weigh three lbs more _ think I got it at the cabin _ if I can't be out doors _ but Sleak sees red _ when I mention it

love, & best wishes _ Mother

Monday. noon.

Darling:

We arrived here Sunday morning at 4 o'clock. We had to lay over a day in Sa. We had a terrible accident but thanks to a steel frame we did not even get a scratch. We were going around a bend and met a big lumber truck square in the middle of the road. There was a deep canal off the side and we could not go off for. We had ~~car~~ put in running condition and come on. It will take the week we are here to fix it. We will see mother today and put the car in the shop. Everyone here in good condition.

Will write more when we get back from town.

Heaps love, then some

Ever your own

Alma.

Dearest Mom,

Thanks lots for sending the package. But could you do one little thing for me before you set off for the wilds of N.C.? Fix this here ~~affe~~ license thing P.D.Q. and either send it back to me or to the Auto Bureau - Court House - Poughkeepsie N.Y. with 50 cents - I confess - I don't have 50¢. Get this done before you leave. plig. cause it won't ~~would~~ work after the 1st - and have you gotten yours fixed yet - If you haven't you can take mine down with yours and then mail me the license.

But for = pete' sake - Send me my check - my credit won't be good very long.

I've got to rush now -

Love.

Mary

OAKWOOD SCHOOL

Dearest Fond Parents,

Well how (why), when and where am I to expect you? You're coming up on Thurs the 1st I take it, but when? You see I'm going to play the piano in chapel that morning. The Hungarian Rhapsody — That will be at 10:30 A.M. Will you be here then, I thought you might like to hear your "brilliant young artist."

Please write and tell

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me a few things

Mother here a dress — how do you like it — well ~~the~~ for the pale green material we got before. I want the sleeves a little different but won't it be cute.

Well exams are all over — isn't that too delightful. ?? I don't know what I got in any of them yet.

But there no harm in hoping —

Love. Mary

Houston, R 1, Box 843

Kirby My Dear,

I have not heard from you in over two weeks, the last was when you told about seeing Edith folks well I saw her she said her Mother wrote her about it; Mama had asked us all to supper - that is the last I seen them last Sunday Leah & N took me riding they went in to see some folks, I staid in the car; I just wonder if you are mad about something I said, or just too busy to write, I would like to know what train you will come on & when; I might be able to meet you sure do want to see you,

maybe I will get a letter tomorrow

love from your

Mother

B. 3, BXH27

Houston - Wed. 12

Kirby Dear - your good letter rec'd - I am so glad you found a suitable place so cheap - but of course the water - lights & gas - has to come in, any way its good - fine that you could drive around & see things with the folks too - I am still sitting here about the same - seems like I cannot do anything every time I speak of going to the country Leak gets mad & nervous - says pretty awful things to me - fifteen is too much rent for me & then he wouldn't even let me buy my own groceries - I could live cheaper if he would - God only knows what will become of me. I love you. Mother.

Dearest Familiam, a, um -

Just my luck! - don't let it get you down. I honestly meant to write - but you know how it is - and it was more than usual - too darn many things to do. Before I forget it - by all means take my beloved piano - I couldn't do without it. Which reminds me that I have to give a "Recital" Sunday night. Imagine it. I hope I live through it.

Today the girls' tennis team is playing Washington Falls - if you want to know how lousy it is - why don't you - with Ann and two other girls. At this point the wind is blowing furiously and it rained last night so the courts are still damp. Mae fun.

also - Saturday we play a baseball game with Hope Farm girls. - I'm pitcher and alternate first - when the first team pitches. Don't laugh - also - we have the Purple-Gold track meet Monday - still more fun. The trouble with having so darn many things is that you don't have time to practice for any of them. We're also playing a girls tennis tournament - so far - not even all the preliminaries have been played - I guess we'd better step - I won my first match and ought to win the next two - which would put me in the finals - but I always count my chickens before they hatch.

The girls are going on an overnight hike Fri & think, too - so - there isn't much show time. The week end after that - we have

class day exercises and give a garden party after them for the juniors on Fri. Then Saturday are the boat races - The Oughtkeepsie Regatta. They last till late in the evening. Then Sunday is Baccalaureate. Then exams - I have two Monday morning - which means that mean on into the aft. Then on Tues morn - and one Tues aft. So then I'm all through - and have plenty of time to pack. We may go out to a cottage of one of last year's juniors for one night tho. Then Fri for the Commencement - By the way - are you bringing Aunt Betty and Irene - I wrote them and told them to get in touch with you about coming up. By the way mother - when are you coming up as the final relay to fill some of my funk?

You'd better write pretty quick and tell me - when are you planning to get in to New York? - See time is so short - I think you'd come up about Monday noon or a little later - and have you heard from Jane? - I think she will be coming up with Bill and Ray after all. - I don't know whether we'll go out to that cottage or not - I probably will be too busy - and I wouldn't want to go if Jane going to be here all week which I hope she is.

How long are we going to be in N.Y. after Comm? - and you'll staying at school overnight that night aren't you? - For heaven's sake answer a few of the questions I ask.

Start to go to a meeting now

P.S. Dig you were elected football capt - Imagine you.

Love
Mary

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Saturday night

Alma Dear:

Am leaving in a few minutes to catch the train for Round Lake New York where I am speaking twice tomorrow at a conference. Will return on the sleeper Sunday night.

Had a meeting on Friday with our creditors and they were very reasonable. We will not go through legal bankruptcy but will liquidate as rapidly as possible and pay our creditors as much as possible. We are closing the office and selling off everything as fast as possible. Marvin and Sophie will see things through, although I may have to stay until Tuesday, reaching Black Mountain Wednesday morning on the 8:35. Unless you hear from me to the contrary, you may expect me then.

I have not written Mr. Gates. You had better write Mrs. Walker, the Registrar, and find out what she has done.

Am eager to get back to Slabsides.

Much love to all of you

Kirby

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Sunday night

dearest:

The N.T. is going under!

Am terribly sorry!

We are having a meeting of our creditors on Friday. This will be a difficult week. Will give you details soon.

Preached at Maplewood this morning.

Enjoying my class at Union.

Working on new book.

Eager to get back to Slabsides.

Lovingly

Kirby

OAKWOOD SCHOOL
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Dearest Mome –

Do something P.D.Q for me will you? – make out a check for $10. payable to Mount Holyoke College – it's for application fee. Send it here to me so I can send it in to Holyoke with my card – We'll pick it back up if I don't go to Holyoke so it's safe.

Tell me – what is Grandmother Murray going to do now? It's too darn bad – when will Dad be back and when can he come up here?

Have you heard – Jane had to go home: she had three hemmorages – from over exercise – it's more or less a complete nervous breakdown – she worked too hard – Flu gone

give her to stay out at least a month and maybe longer - which all means that she may not graduate this year. See - it's another tough break for her - she had appendicitis last year. — I'm lost without her here — I'm doing most of her work - putting the kids to bed and such. Loads of fun.

By the way - is a check for the month of Feb. forthcoming. or is it available?

Well - I've got letters to write to about everybody I know -

Love
Mary

Dearest Fond Parents,

I got a little note today from Swarthmore saying that I couldn't get a scholarship because my standing wasn't high enough alongside of 141 others. So since Jane and I want to go to college together - and after thinking about it, I don't think I would like terribly to go to Mount Holyoke - (if they'd except me) so we decided on a committee of two to see if our parents would consider letting us go to Duke University - Miss Craig says she's pretty sure we can both get in - or if not - to U. of N. Carolina. We will herewith set forth our strongest arguments.

In the first place the tuition would only be $600 - which includes everything (even laundry!) Furthermore ministers' daughters (she's pretty sure) get a reduction in tuition. As I would already be in N. C. to

begin with - and if we went - Jane's brother and sister - of U.N.H.C. would be driving up anyway vacations. It much cheaper than if I went to Swarthmore with a scholarship - because Swarthmore is $1000 - It's a damn good school, too.

And I would like a Southern College - ! Just ask me ! Please don't rule it out because of the distance, cause we would be coming home vacations - I know for sure Xmas and probably Easter.

We've really thought about it seriously, so consider it seriously please, we want so much to go together to college. If you decide that you like the idea try to persuade Mr. Poling, because Jane seems to think he'll be harder to persuade than you. I hope you both are in favor of it. In the meantime we'll send for applications. Please hurry too - because haste is very necessary to get us in.

Love. Mary

Mother —

Here are the pictures —
a lovely mess — tell me
which one you like the best —
(or one's) (or ones get left of each)
mark on the back or something.
but for heaven's sake make it
quick and don't keep them
in the light too long and don't
get them in the sun. they
fade so quickly anyway.
Send them back right away —
If the things on my back in
the print bother — I think
it can be fixed up nicely.
we hope so.

By the way — where that
check? ? ? I need it.

also
write details about Cally.
P.D.Q.
have the blooms coming?

Love
Mary

Dearest Parents,

Am I happy – such excitement. Do tell me more details. Also tell me for sure so I can know whether or not to continue studying for College Boards – which I won't need for Wellesley.

Mr. Reagan is very enthusiastic about it all. Mendenhall is one of his very good friends also – I'll start all the red tape about application right away. They'd rather start it for K. too. Also when you find out for sure if we are going that there – you might get a refund on that Swarthmore room fund – and the Holy the Swarthmore application – and I'll see about an College Board refund. – This din wok sure about it. – See, I'm so excited I don't quite know what I'm doing or saying!

Would we continue to go to Blue Ridge in the summer – the summer of course I gather.

Would we sell Sunnyside – See

all sorts of questions come up.
But find out for sure -
can K. get in - and all that
you & can formulate some sort
of system here. - I could give
up College Board if I knew for sure.
mother is still going to B. R. the
12th - said she - cause she
written Jane already - and told her
to write you there.
- See why - write and
tell me something quick before I
die of suspense or something.
Love
Mary

By the way - just how is the sewing
getting along?

Mon -

Dearest Momma,

Remember the rhinestones in the window on 42nd st. that had blue stones in with them? A pair of those would look swell on my tangueed dress. Could you run down and get a pair sometime and send up with the rest of my stuff. Rather small ones would do - the size that they make a pair out of two of them. I would appreciate it if you would do this for me - Oge -

And what about the check for May - ? !! I'd like you get off without giving it to me. Sorry - sad - sad. Now the sewing making the blue dress coming -

Red cotton would help too - besides you can make the the shorts - white-dot the same way as the red except make it just a bit bigger play -

Five (almost) decades to wear it without the jacket for the tangued - or with the jacket

for class day - after that -
If you get the clips don't get
them quite as large as the accents
that I have now - Everybody
is crazy about it for which
I'm glad - and I like it
better everytime I look at
it myself.

I'm having my picture
taken over this afternoon. I
hope these come out. I'll
also get the things Edan and
send them on tomorrow.

Love.

Mary.

Dearest Mom & Grandmother -

Just a short note - as usual - I'm glad you're back all safe and sound. As usual I'm wanting something - Dad sent me my allowance - all well and good - but there's a fee of 4.50 for orchestra that they forgot to put on the bill. I paid it out of my allowance but - I'm hoping you'll be kind enough to pay me back - if possible - because this dear little metalry ~~lack~~ holes in my allowance - I'm paying it all myself so - since it's no small amount I'm hoping you'll be kind

Nature will get the best of you.

I'm sorry all I can do is write when I want something - but I'm up to my neck in work - I figure you'd rather have me home on time at vacation instead of more letters. If we don't finish our 2000 word theme on Easter we stay and finish - I've just barely begun mine.

So _____

Love,

Mary.

Ann will get to N.Y. the 20th -

are you coming up for me the 23rd?

OAKWOOD SCHOOL

Dearest Dad.

Thanks for the cold cash. I'll handle with care. The main trouble is that metrology is an expensive hobby, but it helps having more of the stones already. Did I tell you – K sent me a Indian weave pocketbook – is it ever swanky. I love it. I just finished a pair of earings last night –

midyears - they're the marks just inside the margin.

And my average has gone up over 2 points. Good - I guess it ought to. Heaven only knows I've worked hard enough.

Do you - Our orchestra makes its debut next Sun. night. More fun for the kiddies.

Say —— that would have been a grand letter from Pat if you'd enclosed it. I couldn't find it - Tsk tsk - such a memory. By the

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way there even the moth.

I'm glad Grandma is coming up. It will be always much fun. Is Mother driving down? I guess she just hates. I wanna - go too. — See do you realize it only six weeks till Spring vacation and then only about twelve till it's all over. And to think I'll all the work I've got to do before then. By the way - how did you like the swell marks I pulled in exams

way - when did you or Mother drop in and see Jane - at the Prince George Hotel - Coal & 28th St.? Just ask if you may see Jane Poling - - The boy at the desk will probably be Roy Brooks - who graduated from here last year. Give her my love if you do - and don't say anything about how long she's been - she doesn't know - Just do that little thing - and if you ever find that you have too many stamps at the office - why I could use a few -

Love
Mary.

Thurs —

Kirby Dear — I am pretty sure to sell to the City — seven-hundred — fifty cash balance in two yearly payments they want it for fifteen hundred may get sixteen — that is the best I can do — cash the 1st of April — send on the abstract soon as you can — I have sold lots of things — am holding out fairly well — no word from Alma — love

Mother

mm nite—

Dearest Dad,

I'm taking your polite little hint and am writing to you in Boston. Model little daughter — Ahem! Here Dr. Poling's letter. Thanks for sending it to me. — It certainly would be grand if Jane and I could go to Swarthmore together — wouldn't it? I got a letter today from Swarthmore saying that the committee was considering my case and

so much as we are. —
It's scary over our hips
up here — and is it blowing!
I ask you —

Oh yes — there's going
to be a debate here soon —
One of the girl wanted
to know if it's whether
or not Station WEVD is
still on the air. — They
were trying to put it off
a few years ago — is it
or not — please remember
to tell me — it will help
dear old I always in the debate.

would let me know on
March 1 whether I could
go to Swarthmore. — I
mean whether they'd admit
me. I'm all on fire
and needless — ! I
got a letter from K
saying he wished I'd come
out there to College or
something to that effect.
If worst comes to worst
maybe we can move out
there — I wouldn't
exactly die if we did.

You're probably
getting the blizzard about

Miss Lannigan who coached
all the plays last year
is back for a visit - and
is it good to see her -
she's darling.
Well - since I have Jane
job now - till she's back -
I have to go turn the light
off -- I just tucked the
kids in bed and shooed
the cats out -

Love dear -
Mary

Why don't you
come up and see
me sometime?

Turn over

Dearest Dad –

There are several things I want you to do –

First – how would you like to send Ann a copy of Independence & Fr – autograph it and send it to – St. Joseph's College – Emmitsburg, Maryland. Thanks –

Then –

Send a check payable for $15 to Swarthmore College – for my room deposit – if you think I shall stay at the dorm. It may be refunded if we want it to be – and ask before July 15. – Send it to the office of the Dean of Women – or to Mrs W. H. Blake – This has to be in by Sept. 15 so hustle it along will you and let me know about it. We decided that I probably would stay at the dorm didn't we – and oh yes – ask for a single room if possible.

Also - you'd better fill out and send in the blank to Holyoke.

I've filled in some in pencil because I thought you might be lost on some just erase them and do them over in ink - only don't get them wrong when you do it — Send it straight on to Holyoke - P.D.Q.

Lets see anything else? -

Jane isn't coming back at all — She's going to North Carolina to be with her sister and brother-in-law. See - its tough - She had the big honor of assuming her job - Selves me now as the assistant to the Dean of Women — Only in private tho - I'm not allowed

to be excited around here

Got a swell letter from K. today. He seems quite reconciled to coming this summer. I'll write him he has on him for Chemistry tomorrow or sometime -

Anne is having the time of her life up here. She's leaving tomorrow morning. 7:45 or such.

Got my watch today back from Buchmann - reminds mother about my shoe strings. and gently ask her if she started on any of the blouses

or dresses get - don't strain them and too long dance shall you have a Banquet dress and commencement dress on her hands. pretty soon.

Preserve this letter and read it over several times to make sure you've done everything you're supposed to have done -

Love -

Mary -

Thursday —

Kirly Dear — prospects are poor — that May wanted me to take shares in an ice Co for a six hundred dollar payment, but I said no — the City wants it but are bankrupt & about to go in the hands of a receiver — so that is not off — one wants to lease — others to rent but I say no to them Mr Hutton is still hoping to raise the cash — & I believe he will, will sell if possible, if not shall I turn it over to Parrish = a day or plenty come to more into things but very little sold yet — do not be anxious; friends will advise & help me — I am all right. Mother

Sunday,

Darling:

Here are some things which came today.

About that refrigerator, remember it must be in by the first or sooner and also, I forgot to remind you that they want a certified check. Maybe you had better call up City Housing and ask if it is to be made out to them. As I remember, they said it was to be made out to the gas Co. and certified.

We had a disaster last nite Chato fell off the end of the porch and although there are no broken bones he was much sprained and bruised. He is better today and walking around some.

Heaps and heaps love.

always yours

Alma.

Centerville, Iowa

Dear Kirby and Mrs Kirby:

I trust you do not have heart failure when you receive this note and the enclosed check. I know you had given it up long long ago but I had not. I don't think I ever attempted to make any apology or excuse for not attending to it sooner and perhaps none is in order; but I did hope that in some way you would mention it to Abner occasionally when you saw him in those years soon after we got it for I wanted him to feel that he had a responsibility in it. In later years when I knew there was no hope I just let other things crowd it out - there is no real excuse. I am truly sorry about it but one would never guess it by my actions.

Many times I think of you folks and have wondered how you are. I'd appreciate a line telling me altho I know you are very busy. Tell me about those two fine young folks of yours.

With all good wishes I am

Hurriedly but sincerely yours

Olive Adamson Johnson

P.S. Don't ever pass us up if you come this way.

OAKWOOD

Dearest Mumsie and Dad,

Tsk, Tsk, I guess it's about time I let you know I'm still alive. But when my report card comes maybe you'll see just why – I hope – Really I've been getting a lot better in grades.

Guess what – I've

started reading Milton's
Paradise Lost – no –
I'm not sick – it's just
spring fever I think.
I have good intentions but
I'll probably only get
about twenty pages read.

Well – for me or from me anyway –
no news is good news.
When I write it's usually
for a good reason – isn't it?
'Too true', I can hear
Dad saying. I just I

want a or some good books
on John A. Jr. I've got to
write a theme on him so
could you hustle them up –
right away D.D.Q. please!
I've got to be in in about a
week.

Then – we get our
rings this year. so
you know what that
means – and also
the Jr. Sr. banquet is under
full steam ahead.
rings seven something and

above 1.50 for the banquet.

So _____!

Do we Ed Wynn's —

do I win? Ha! I

fooled you that time with

a fake gun. I'm selling

good at those.

I'll have to send Roads

of love to make up for

this.

Love.

The Marks P.D.Q. please. Mary

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Dad –

Kirby Dear –

just a few words to say I am all right. has been awful hot – rain yesterday nice this morning – have not seen Leah since Monday night –

Alma I am anxious to hear if we are all to meet some place – you better drive at night – & lie up afternoons – it will ruin the car – get so hot the tires will burst –

love to every one

Mother

Thursday 4th

Alma Dear — yours, & Kirbys letters rec'd, always glad — yes, we fixed up that chair for Murry — & he uses two basins — he is getting along fine, cleans up the barn lot, & feeds the horse for me — I am all right — big rain yesterday — about to freeze now; we want to get the other hog butchered this afternoon, the Parrishes are coming to do it.

only one spell of ice yet, the sticker weeds are green in the garden; that snow business is bad — hope you both keep well,

love, Mother,

Friday 13 Jan

Kirby Dear - read the big letter yesterday - thoughtful of you - I was glad to look over the lists - sure rejoice that your back leads - I will thank you in advance for the book you are sending - & right now Kirby I have not asked the Xmas check I will not have plenty - you are too generous - I thank God daily for such a Son -

We are having bad weather all the time now - cold & raining - but we have overshoes & mackys - so we get along fine - plenty dry wood too - I go in the magazine for the mail - surely do enjoy the Radio, sometimes I listen to that crazy thing about visiting the other planets - & finding funny little people

always listen to guitar, banjo, Piano
music, & to the news items where I am
altogether I am well fixed, & satisfied
very few old people as comfortable
I do not know how you manage
these monthly checks but any
time you are pushed to meet them
why be sure to tell me we can sell
things & live on

God guide & keep you all
Love from
Mother

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Saturday

Alma darling:

Lonesome for a sight of you! Hungry for your kisses!

Harald Fey is here in the city meeting with the F.O.R. committee. He has been invited to become secretary of the Fellowship. Am expecting him here any minute. You will remember him from Manila.

Take a sleeper tonight for Bucknell University & Penn State Teachers College. Back here on Thursday.

You folks are constantly in my thoughts and prayers.

Ever your

Kirby

Tuesday.

Dearest Mom.

Good heavens! Can they detect my B.O. or halitosis even thru the mail, or what? I think it about time someone wrote to me for a change. Its just time you did. See - what the heck do you think I am - the sufferer in Corinth. Not a word since a week ago Tues. I'm beginning to believe it was only a dream. Maybe you were waiting for details or something - but why the heck do you have to wait to tell me that - you might at least let me know that. Tell me one thing anyway - are we really going to Calif. for sure? You see it really very important that I know other than my curiosity because if we aren't going I must continue college bonds and if not - why I might try to get the money refunded if possible - and I would die

write and tell me something?

The Jr. Sr. Prom and Banquet will be on the 19th. By the way — are you leaving for or arriving at B.R. on the 17th?

The orchestra made its first appearance outside of the school program, last Fri night at an exclusive younger boys school at Milbrook. The grade went off to the South Kingston School. It was lovely of you and turned out much better than we expected it would. We're going to play at the Milbrook high on the 28th and were also getting our supper in with the bargain. We'll also be having our Faculty-Sr. outing sometime soon — probably the 2nd. That's when the faculty take the Seniors somewhere one saturday and leave the Juniors home in charge. They'll probably take us somewhere

have to spend extra time studying for them — and all that. Can't you drop me a post card or something? Where's Brad about now — he's forgotten me too. Even K has done better than you.

I got the tie clasp and collar clip and sent them on. I haven't heard yet — but the last letter I got took four days to get here so I can't feel so bad yet.

I'm just beginning to realize that the dear boy will be one tomorrow night. I'll write him next at League city. By the way — how about digging up my last two letters and answering all the questions? When will he get to Blue Ridge — and have you heard from Jane — I haven't not — neither have I. So what? I'll be disillusioned soon. This is the longest week I've passed through in a long time. Can you please

swimming - I hope so anyway.

Now - for Pete's sake or anyone else please write and give the sequence.

Love
Mary

P.S. They've stuck me up in front keeping study hall - so I suppose I'd better continue a while till the bell rings cause I haven't anything up here to read - so I wouldn't want to find fil and Cook.

Reagan says that he could get one in Calif - most anywhere with out much trouble. By the by - what happening are we coming back to N.Y. after B.A and then pack up and drive out and then find somewhere to leave or what? and will we sometime be come to B.A. and have I seen anything about entering - and what place shows & they boarding whittier - southern Cal ?? How about a letter?

Wednesday

Darling:

Everything about as usual. Good and warm here just now but suppose it would be cool compared to N.Y. It is 84° now.

I sent the rest of the P.J.s to you yesterday. Hope they reach you O.K. You can launder the blue ones but take the white ones to the 347 office for the girls to use as dust rags.

Chots is getting to feel much better but still hobbles some.

Satur, They are going in now and must mail this. We stopped to make lunch.

Heaps love
ever your
alma

Wednesday

Darling:

Too bad the W T had to go under, but if you say it had to it had to. However, maybe you can catch up with yourself next year.

Have you written Hales in L.A.? The youngsters say they would rather wait until we get there before making anything definite. Just tell him that we will close the deal when we get there. We want something just as near the college as possible so we will not have to use the car so much.

We will be waiting for you when you get here

The ales are here since Sat.

~~Heaps~~ lots love your own alma

Sun.

Dearest Folks,

Well - a week from today - and it will all be over. But until then I guess I'd better work. I've got just piles of stuff for you to take home. Have you gotten in touch with Anne Betty yet? - And if you bring the wardrobe trunk - as don't forget it - how are we getting both trunks home? Nick and Betty & see if they're staying overnight - they are I hope - Anne I've got to make reservations for them. - That is - I've made them - but I've got to make sure.

And when are you going to get up here Friday? Sometime after lunch? And don't forget to come. - See I'm full of questions - I wish you'd answer a few of them for once.

When are we going back down to Blue Ridge? And when are we coming back up at the end of the summer and when are we going west? You see I am curious -

I'm sitting up here wanting to find out when Jamie coming. I'm dying to see her. Gardner was up the weekend - its tough that he had to leave this morn - because he used to go with her -

Oh - Mother - did you get what I said about the dress. I want to slit the sleeves in two places and put a little ruffle around the slits - if you don't have time to get it done - bring up the material and maybe I could do it here, cause I wouldn't like to change it. And if you see a good looking buckle for the belt - why it would be welcome.

It just beginning to sink in that I have exams tomorrow - Tsk! Tsk! guess I'd better realize it and do something about it.

Please write and tell me a few things.

Love, Mary

Tuesday.

Darling:

Did I tell you I went to see the Midsummer Nights Dream? Mrs. Cheverton's mother gave her tickets and Cheverton was busy going to meetings, and had the car, so she invited me to bring my car and come along and I did. We had rather good seats, and it was simply superb. The lights twinkled all over the back of the mountain, and they took down the stage and played right on the hillside. There was a dance up on the hillside and at the last the tochbearers came from away up on the hilltop, just winding down and down, and there were a great number of them. Mary went on Saturday night with a bunch of girls after the football game. Kay was tied up with a bunch of others, so he did not try to go. Poor Mary had only a 50¢ seat though. But she enjoyed it just the same.

I joined the church Sunday and have been to one of the missionary meetings and the Cosmopolitan Club and the Mother's Auxiliary of the school. That is the mothers of the students and many of the teachers or their wives. It was a luncheon this time, and I went along with Mrs. Watson, who is rather nice. I have used the washing machine a couple of times already and while I don't have a pile of dirty clothes around, I do have some clean clothes that need ironing. Of course, Mary is always washing out something or other in the basin, and pressing her dresses, etc.

Mary has gone to a few things concerning the girls of the class and is coming along fine. Kay couldn't get in tennis so he has gone out for freshman football. It seems there are not many good football players coming in this year, in spite of the large number. He has a sore shoulder this morning and I had to put on one of his socks and shoe. Mary came in one night last week with green all over her face and hands.

We are due to get the new refrigerator in some time this week. She thought it would come in right away when she ordered it, but it had to come from the factory. We will be glad to get it in because then I can't forget to get ice, and also we can cook a roast and keep it over for a while. Then too, we can make all sorts of nice desserts rather easily.

Choto is coming along fine. His ribs have filled out and he is growing apace. There seems no chance at all of really filling him up. I must stop now and get something to eat ready. It surely is a job keeping two youngsters filled up, and I wish it was a simple as getting what the dog wants. It is a great old life if you don't weaken. Heaps and heaps love,

Ever your own,

Alma

Monday.

Darling:

Kay went down to take his test and then they told him that he would have to have your signature sworn to by a notary as well as mine. While you are at it sign one for Mary also.

It is warmer again here and more comfortable for me. Went to see Gale Seeman on Sat. Mary went along but Kay backed out. I had a nice time anyway.

Can you send me a file of Sherwoods report letters?

Oceans of love, and lots more

always even

Alma

Saturday.

Darling:

Youought to be here to help the youngsters eat cookies. I made two plates of them last night. It costs too much to buy them and they just will eat them. I did some washing this morning, because I had a headache last Tuesday, which was the day I had planned to do it. There will be little besides sheets and towels on Monday.

The Lockharts came Thursday afternoon and we had a good visit. Mary was home, but Kay wasn't. However, since they have fourteen acres in lemons and said they would give us some if we came over, Kay shows a willingness to go after some.

Here are a couple of letters. I have answered them somewhat but you will need to give definite information or greetings as called for. . Thanks for the check. Not that we need it, Oh no. Kay wrote you yesterday about a tennis racket. Mary is the one that needs the racket, as he is using yours and it is Mary's time to get a new racket.

I don't know much more about what they are taking than you do. They told me once and think I shouldn't ask anything more about it.

Oh say, I hadn't given anything to the Sunnyside church since May, and as I had pledged them 50 cents a week, don't you think that we ought to send them about 10 dollars to even things up a bit. Not that they need it at all. They are probably having a hard time still.

Heaps and heaps and heaps love, then some more,

Ever always, Alma

Friday.

Darling:

Here are some letters that have come in. Most of them came in in one day. I also had a letter from Lockhart. I got the letter from Clarice today and have answered. I told her that I had told Levin's they could put up burlap and fix a place for the maid to sleep. The furniture should be gotten out of the way, but if clarice locked the storeroom Mach could not get in to put some things away. I did not tell her this, Mac was to try to sell the living room furniture. It could be put along the front wall until it is sold as the basement was really cleared out.

We are coming along fine. Will you send me a check or should I draw a check. Perhaps you have one on the way now. A man came out to see about the insurance and it ought to be cleared up real soon now, Believe me, I shall be glad to get it out of the way. I wrote this Dunning fellow you could not come out to Orange.

Mary is out tonight at a supper. Poor kid is out a lot, but it is always just the girls. There are three times as many girls as boys. She is not out so long at a time and is keeping up with her lessons. Mostly it is a few minutes at a tea in the afternoon.

Heaps and heaps love, then lots more,

Ever your own,

Alma.

Dearest Sis & Bro -

I'm sorry I never seem to be able to write except when I want something - but I'm struggling to keep above water. Since got more extra work now with review Int. Algebra to get through exams -

The time I want one of you to go down to the Doctor who gave me my last glasses - Bad probably has that on file - and have the bottom of one of the blanks filled out, then send it with the other to Holyoke P.D.Q. Can't do this? Enclosed are also a receipt for you and the letter Reagan wrote me after I got back. which I thought you might like to see -

Also - guess what - I bet you couldn't - we're having our picture taken soon - so that calls for about five dollars. - Now really! money - money - just what's the why and wherefore of it anyway - just the same I'm always needing it.

Just how are the dresses and blouses coming along? Lets hope you've at least started them. Heaven only knows we've had enough rainy days for you to play in our new.

Well - I must get back to my latin - daily work - English and all that - Tell K. I'd appreciate answers to my last two letters.

Love to all,

Mary

B.1 b&8H3

Houston March 18 – Alma Dear

here the month will soon be gone its still cold here too – had the gas going most all day its trying to rain – & we need it for little vegetables we are eating turnip greens – the radishes, onions & beets – & lettuce are coming along – want to plant others things soon & set out tomatoes about 1st of April – Mrs Hatfield bought seed & fertilizer, & I do the work – no use for you to worry about me – I am no worse off than I have been – & I suppose they will let me continue to stay here – if your Mother goes out – why should I, you will not needing both. Norma carried me to see Edith at her new place –

Oh, – Perry moved to 516 Gray – upstairs of, & more room – very nice – I am so sorry you are not in love with that climate – why build if you don't like it – a day – watch your step with those Builders & Architects – I suppose Kirby will be there by the time this is – you better not go in too deep for a house – times are too uncertain – ask the young people if they will say Rod to me if I go out – they never do now –

love to every body –

Mother

OAKWOOD

by the way – Ann wants to know if she may stay at our house next Easter vacation from the 28th to the 2nd – Is that okay – ? I'll get home the 27th.

See if you can figure this out — – the answers on the other side – but don't look at first —

U R X △ 🖐 $\frac{42}{68}$ $\frac{}{110}$! — ?

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Love
Mary

you are extra (trea) handsome (tsum). !

Got a letter from Grandma Murry today. She asked if I wanted her to make two quilts for college next year. Does she mean two more? She finished the two I told her about last year didn't she.? Anyway - if you can remember it ~~I'll~~ bring up the booklet that has the quilt designs and I'll pick one out. I suppose she might as well make me some as anybody - and they'll be good for future reference. I want then a rose pattern this time.